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Murfreesboro Tenn
April 4th 1863

Dear juliaette I reseived your leter of the 29th last night and was glad to hear from you also to hear that you have a good time once in a while visiting with Mat Gusta and Marey I wish I was thair to visit with you part of the time at least I am Sorey to learn that Charles Carroll has proved to be Such a poor Soldier but thair is hundreds just like him I guess i have not riten about the man that I Saw drumed out of Service about three weeks ago his head was Shaved and he had the leter d burnt on his right cheak and his hands

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tied behind him he belonged to a Indianna regiment and had deserted once and then came back to his Regimen and tryed to get others to desert I think he had aught to of ben Shot I have not much nuse to rite to day I am Staying in camp and have nothing to do unless I have a mind to I sometimes help about getting wood and water and Somtimes I go up to the depo to help load rations Col Tolles (our col) [i.e., Col. William R. Tolles, 105th Ohio Infantry] orderd us out to drill the other day we did not no what he wanted of us at first So we went out

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onto the drill grounds and when we found that he wanted us to dril we just told him to Show us the papers and we would dril and not before

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the old chap did not like it much at first he talked to us about one our and finely told us to do as we pleased he had nothing to do with us he has not botherd us any Since then I dont think we wil be exchanged very Soon if not I wish I could go back to Ohio to Stay until I am exchanged it is rather lonesome Staying in camp all the time whilst the other boys ar rather out Standing picket or out Scouting or foraging all the time most Our Captains and Lutenants Say that we have more privilige than thay do our parolles Serve us for a pass we can run all over town and all around to the other camps here whilst thay have to get a pass Sined by the Colonel

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you wanted me to rite to you what I thought you had beter do this Sumar I hardly know what to Say if you ar not contented without work try to get along as wel as you can until I get home I dont think it is going to be long before this war wil end every body feels encoraged here now and Say that it wil end in les than Sixty days I rote to William yesterday and told him that I wanted him to rite to me just how he was geting along and if he was in need of help to let me no it and I would let him have money to live on until I get home and then I wil help him as wel as I can I cant think what leter you are refering to that I have not answerd please tel me what it was and I wil try and answer it I am Sorey that i cant rite a beter leter to you but pleas excuse me for poor riting and bad Speling in camp is a hard plaiice to rite whair thair is So many a talking all the time I wil now bid you good by for this time from your husband

Charley

to Juliaett

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