

~~Dear~~ Dear General Howard May 2th 1863
Roemy

Dear cousin I set my self
to Draft you a few lines
to let you know that I am
well at this time and
I hope when you get this
it may find you all
I have not heard from
home since I left I want
you to write to me and
let me know how
you all are and let me
know how aunt heed
is I have not heard if
she is dead or alive or
not and as I am camped
near Harrisonburg now
but we are under marching
orders soon the regiment

has not come in yet
they're out in the
mountains yet our
Regiment suffered very
much yet there there was
about twenty five killed
and wounded three of
our boys wounded
Sambaly was wounded
very badly & was not time
to sit much more
& will send it by gates
and I want you to send
one back by him to be
will come back Saturday
more at this time but
depress your two friends
because had riding and staling
to I John S W Stricker