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Dear affectionate brother I am happy
to acknowledge the reception of yours of
the 20th and to hear of your good health
fore it is a great blessing and something I
sharent had fore some time and I begin to
think I never be able to perform the duties of
camp life again. My wound as getting
along fine and a good deal better than the doctor
or myself anticipated I think it will be healed
up in a few weeks but I cant tell whether I
will have as good use of it as I had before or not
My health is not very good I have a pain in
my chest also neuralgia in the head last night
I had considerable fever but I feel better to day
I have wrote to all our folks since I come here
but I sharent got any answers from none yet
I sharent heard from father or Will fore nearly
three months - now my lady love is more attentive
fore I got a letter from her yesterday she is
all right on the gase question.

I have wrote to my officers to send me a
furlow and I will get it if it is in there power
to do so

You say in your letter that you or your
Regt is not in favor of freeing the negroes
I am sorry to hear it you wanted to know
what I said on contracts that of the negro question

I think old Abes proclamation is all right
and there is very few old soldiers that is
against it - it is my opinion that yourself
and the greater part of your Regiment will
be in favor of it - before you are in the service
six months I was of the same opinion of
your self when I first came in service but
I have learned better . . . you said you thought
the thing would come to a process by Spring if
the negroes was let alone but I think you will
soon find out different for it is my opinion
that the war never will come to a close while
the negroes is left - where are they to raise supplies
for the rebel army . . . Even if we could suppress
the rebellion and leave the main root where
it was before, it wouldnt be long before they
would try the same game as before . . .

But if we take away the main root of evil
and confiscate all their property they will have
nothing to fight - for hereafter . . .

Old Abe give them ninety days and that
was long enough for them to come to terms

and saved their property and negroes
but it seems like they wanted to go the
whole hog or none. now I think it
perfectly right to take the hog and leave
them none and then if they aint
satisfied I am in fare banishing ever
Kebel and rebel sympathizer from the U.S.
I am a whole sole Union man and believe
in giving the rebels a lesson to be remembered
in after generations then we will never be
troubled with civil war again.
well I think I have give you a very good sample
of the opinions of myself and comrades. Hoping
you will pronounce it good I will ~~now~~
close the subject by Hoping to see
Abrahams Proclamation on Confiscation
and Emancipation carried into Effect.

P.S. I am not in favor of freeing
the negroes and leaving them to run free
and mingle among us another is not
the intention of old Abe but we will send
them off and Colonize them the government
is already making preparations for the same
and you may be assured it will be carried
into Effect.

I have wrote or fast deal more than
I felt able to when I set down
and I have nothing more of importance
to communicate at present therefore
I will come to a close by requesting you
to write soon. under the present
circumstances you will please excuse
poor writing and mistakes

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I remain your affectionate brother

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