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Yellow Springs Jan. 21st 1863.

Dear Son

yesterday we received yours of the 11th and glad to hear that you can make yourself somewhat comfortable. I have worried a great deal about you since the cold weather set in. Thank you for the sprig of Holly I never saw any before but I have after read about it we think it is beautiful I am suffering a good deal with my arm Mary told how I fell and strained it. it is with the greatest difficulty that I hold my pen to write it is hurt very badly it is nearly as black as the stove from my elbow to my wrist I think some of those small bones in the wrist put out of place it was swollen so much before the Doctor saw it that he could not tell certain. we have had a wonderful snow storm. it commenced raining in the first place and steadily for one day and night and then snow fell

for about the same length of time
it fell to the depth of two feet I have not
seen such a snow for many years it is
deeper than it was in fifty two I had
started both the girls to school but when
I got my arm hurt I had to keep Abby at
home to do the work we have two Boarders
this term. Jo. Lawrence forwarded your letter
to Milo. have you been promoted to first Lieut.
it was so stated in the Cin. Gazette but
you said nothing about it in your letter
and I thought probably ^{it} was a mistake. I
do not know how it is about Tulleys I
hope the report about his drinking is false
it would be a pity for us talented a young
man as I think he is to throw himself away
in that way. we like Lieut. Mary very
much for the short acquaintance and we
hope you will send us Lieut. Taddy before
very long and then we will tell you how
we like him. ~~we~~ I must close Abby or Mary
will fill up the balance of the sheet write often
and tell us if you are right well. Your Mother C. Taddy

Jan. 24th you see that it has been
three days since I commenced this letter
and the Girls have not had time to write
any yet so I thought I would add a few
lines and Mail it for I know you would
rather have half of a letter than none.

yesterday we received your note of the 16th
and was sorry to learn that you have to
leave your comfortable Quarters I was in hopes
you could stay there untill the hardest
of the winter was over. yesterday's paper
says that Burnsidess has crossed the Rappahannock
and that a terrible battle is going on
and that Hooker is Mortally wounded
I hope it is not so. for we cant spare any
more Generals very well. my arm is a little
better though it pains me very much yet
it is with great difficulty that I write. you
my writing looks as though it was written
with a lame hand but I g^uess you can
read it. look out for one from Mary and
Ably in a few days. well you have got the
position you ought to have had a year ago.
Mother