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Letter from Thomas S. Armstrong to Jacob G. Armstrong

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Winchester Virginia

Feb Feb 5th 1863

Dear Dix

I find myself compelled
to write to you as I received your letter
this evening Jeff McMullen the Orderly
Sergt Brought it up He always brings
Co I's Mail up to us. I am well
and hearty. ^{Tattoo} ~~Reverell~~ has just sound
of here after nine o'clock P.M.
On the evening of the 3rd we got that
Box of or Barrel or 2 Barrels of 28 lbs
of Butter 15-cts per lb 4 bus Dried
peaches 2 pans full of Wakers Cakes
made By Mother I presume
we are feasting on "Hard Luck" and
Butter we are doing finely Genl
Black is really a first class fellow
He is a jolly good hearted fellow
& honors the position he holds
I am studying Tactics most of

The time now there was a flow
of true from Col. J. D. Imboden
Rebel, to Gen Milroy, you will
see the acct. in the Papers soon.
It was in the Baltimore American
this morning. Yes I do take
quite an interest in your welfare
in reference to your peck, mouse peck,
moss peck or Miss Bushel. Yes
you need a peck measure to measure
your oats and and other things very
useful in this life. O that famous
oven fell in and is spoiled
Hence we will have to get our feet
cleaned some other way than by
treading in the dough we will
have to wash them in the old way.
I saw a letter in the Commercial
today from the 76 C. V. S. They were
at Arkansas Post Battle
Lieut Col Wm B Woods was
wounded. Capn Gement was
killed of Co A

I imagine that I see father
fire my up those boxes of goods
at Storwich. Did you ever
tramp dough for exercise?
They were started Jan 30 & rec'd Feb.
3 Making the trip in $34 - 30 = 4$ days
aint that quick all was safe I
got every thing in good order

28 lbs Butter at 15-cts	\$ 4.20
2 Pecks Prackis (Dow)	\$ 1.00
2 pound Light cakes	\$ 1.00
3 apples	$\frac{.00}{1.00}$
	<hr/> 5.20
Freight	1.00
Total Cost	\$ 6.20

The rest of the Boys are well
pleased Tell those who wish
to prepay Express charges
my clothing begins to look
shabby. It had n't cost em
much for clothes Tell Mary
to see Mr Framm & and
Tell him He did well for

Me I want him to do well
By her & give her a position
in the Zanesville Schools
for she will make a good
Teacher

John Porter is going to move into
The country But his P. Office
address is Clinton Dewitt
Co Illinois. I live in expec-
tation of seeing you soon! But
I can't tell how soon

On the second of Feb I got a tub &
washboard & went into our cook House
well Caldwell had water hot I put in
all my socks shirts & drawers but
what I have on & washed them
& rinsed them out put them in
the end water then hung them up
in the tent to dry next day I got
to work and darned 8 socks
which were more hole than Righteous
I tell you I did it up the col came on
while I was at work & he told me he would
send me his do darn I darned nearly
all the yarn mother sent me
I am well Good Bye
My love to all

L. S. Armstrong

February 5, 1863

Winchester Virginia

Feb 5th 1863

Dear Bro

I find myself compelled to write to you as I received your letter this evening. Jeff McMillen the Orderly Sergt brought it up. He always brings Co. I's mail up to us. I am well & hearty. Tattoo has just sounded of _____ hence after nine o'clock P.M.

On the evening of the 3rd we got that box of or barrel or 2 barrels of 28 lbs of butter 15 cts per lb, _____ peaches, 2 pans full of crackers, cakes, made by mother. I presume we are feasting on "hard tack" and butter. We are doing finely. Lt Black is really a first class fellow. He is a jolly, good hearted fellow and honors the position he holds.

I am studying tactics most of the time now. There was a flag of truce from Col J.D. Imboden, Rebel, to Gen Milroy. You will see the acct in the Papers soon. It was in the Baltimore American this morning.

Yes I do take quite an interest in your welfare. In reference to your peck, more peck, most peck, or Miss Bushel, Yes you need a peck measure to measure your oats and other things very useful in this life.

O that famous oven fell in and is spoiled. Hence we will have to get our feet cleaned some other way than by treading through the dough. We will have to wash them in the old way.

I saw a letter in the Commercial today from the 76 O.V.I They were at Arkansas Past Battle. Lieut Col Wm B Woods was wounded. Capn Lement was killed of Co. A.

I imagine thus. I see father fixing up those boxes of goods at Norwich. Did you ever tramp dough for exercise. They were started Jan 30 & recd Feb 3 making the trip in $34 - 30 = 4$ days. Ain't that quick all was safe. I got everything in good order.

28 lbs butter at 15 cts \$4.20

2 pecks peaches (dried) \$1.00

2 pans light cakes \$0.00

3 apples \$0.00

\$5.20

Freight \$1.00

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John Porter is going to move into the country but his P. Office address is Clinton DeWitt Co. Illinois. I live in expectation of seeing you soon. But I cannot tell how soon.

On the second of Feb, I got a tub & washboard & went into our cook house. Well Caldwell has water hot. I put in all my socks, shirts, drawers but what I had on and washed them & rinsed them out put them in the 2nd water then hung them up in the tent to dry; next day I got to work & darned 8 socks which were more holy than righteous. I tell you I did it up. The Col came over as I was at work & he told me he would send me his to darn. I darned nearly all the yarn mother sent me.

I am well. Good Bye.

My love to all

T.S. Armstrong