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## Letter from Thomas S. Armstrong to William Armstrong

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Winchester Va

April 21st 1863

Dear Father

Lieut. Black has been detailed to go home to take the money that the 122nd wishes to send to their dear friends at home I drew wages for the months of Jan & Feb. am amounting to \$202.35. I send you \$100. with Lieut Black he will leave it at Lanesville. You can get it by calling on Alex. Grant & Co. or either of the Blacks. I suppose some of the Norwich men will be down & will get the money Lieut Black said he would take the money and leave it where it could be got.

I saved half of my money, as I may need it for the active Campaign this Summer. My health is good just now. Steve Van Rens & I had our pictures taken this forenoon you will see it.

I will notify you when we move  
from here. I will not get home  
this summer. Mr Durn of  
West Lanesville is our furnish-  
ing man for the Sutters and any  
little Knick Knacks such as  
paper &c. you wish to send to  
me he will bring with pleasure  
I am in hopes you have re-  
covered your health fully. I hope  
you will live to a green old  
age to bless your children

For nothing would serve  
to cause me to grieve more. Take  
good care of your health

We are well supplied with stores  
provisions clothing &c I sent  
to Baltimore for a pair of trousers  
you can have no idea how  
we live here unless you would  
come We are still in our old  
camp. Our tent Door is  
turned up the hill now.

Some of the Boys are discour-  
aged by the appearance of affairs  
& of the Union cause.

Well. I live in hopes. I will  
send you all the news soon I  
answer all letters that I re-  
ceive. My Boots do me good  
service as I can change when  
I get one set wet & that you  
know is a great thing for ones  
health

My love to Mother  
Jacob May the Grant Gus and  
all the Rest of my Relations  
Well  
God Bye

L S Armstrong



*[The page contains several paragraphs of extremely faint, illegible handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the paper.]*

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My love to Mother Jacob Mary Fla Frank Gus and all the rest of my relations.

Well Good Bye

T S Armstrong