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Dear Mother

I now take my pen  
in hand to write you a few lines to  
let you know that i am well  
and to let you know that i am not  
crazy the letter you speak of  
was not what i intended for a  
letter i wrote a letter at the same  
time that i put that in the office  
after i got the letter rate i thought  
that i would write a little on the  
draft and i also wrote some verses  
that i think would be appropriate  
to some of our young ladies of  
greenfield so you see that i am  
not out of my head write and  
let me know if you got the letter  
or not I put the 10 dollars in that

My letter as you called  
it is intended to put the money  
in the other letter but I guess  
it was a good mistake if you  
did not get the letter I guess I will  
now tell you about the tramp that  
we took yesterday we left camp at  
5 o'clock in the morning and marched  
20 miles to a place called Snickers  
gap we hadent been there long before  
we saw 17 Bobs but they was across  
the Shenandoah River we exchanged a  
few shots but without any effect  
they wer to far off and we could  
not cross the river we staid  
there all night and this morning  
before day break we started  
towards camp confiscating all the  
Horses that we could see we  
would take them right off from  
the wagons so we got into camp  
at 2 o'clock today we marched  
like the De Benil and our best got



Same here as it has  
been some time since we have  
marched any when i got to  
camp i found a letter from  
you and ann well Dear Mother  
As i am some tired to night and  
to morn is Sunday so i will wait  
until morning before i finish  
this; so good Night

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well as we have got through with  
Suspicion i will finish this letter &  
if am well to day i will tell you  
what we had for dinner well we  
had cadfish and Pattatoes, i was  
down to Harpers Ferry one day last  
week and i sent my anercoat to  
Saratoga and Paid the Express on it  
If you can send down my somebody  
that is againg and get it there no  
news hear only we have got a cold  
Snuff but it wont last long we  
have had some beautiful weather since

it named a little near yesterday  
I will close by saying that I  
got those stamps  
good by Brite soon

This is from your  
Son J. D. Hill  
To His Mother  
Brite soon  
Yours truly