

I did want you to buy a Hog
and salt it and you better
had things will be very dear
in the Spring and mind to take
care to keep the Children warm keep
plenty of fire and get them flannel
and keep your self with warm
Clothes i have plenty of good Clothes
and i have four dollars and half in
money in my pocket for to buy any
thing i want and i can send you two
of them if you want of any
mind and get your relief money
and dont be backwards they are paying
relief money all over the State
So good by my Dear and beloved
Bella cifs Ellie and the
Blue Eye Bella and God bless
both you and yours is my wish
your Affectionate and Loving
Husband Thomas Hamer

December 10th 1862
My Dear Bella
I write these few lines hoping they will
find you and my Dear Children enjoying good
health i am minding the piles are boughering
me a good deal i took a dose of salts
this morning i must see get it well
I receive your kind and loving letter
last night and was very glad to hear that
you and the little dears were well over
Regiment heapt hear last Friday morning
and i have not heard from it yet i dont
know where they are gone to and i dont
think they ever will come back there are
about Eighty Sick and disabled men hear
left behind there are 14 ten of our compe
left hear they are talking of sending them
to Washington and them that are fit
for Service will be discharged and
sent home and the others to the Hospital
and i dont know what wil become of
me they will send me sumwhere i dont
care where i would as soon stay as leave