

Thank him for any thing he did  
for me for he is well payd for all  
he left the company without give us  
as much as good by he went of without  
any body know that he was going  
if you see him tell him that i have  
as good a times of it now as when  
hen he was hear i will send you  
my dress coat it is new and i will  
send you two blankets i can by them  
cheap now it will soon be to warm  
for the men to carry them i did by one  
and have it i will send you some  
money as soon as i will get my pay  
John & Jones gives his best love  
to you and so does i send my love  
to David Davis and his family  
and my best love to you and to  
my Dear Ellic kiss Ellic and  
my Dear Baby for me i wont  
mail this letter till i will  
receive a letter from you  
yours most affectionate and loving  
husband Thomas Hamer

I<sup>th</sup>  
Dec 22 1863 Newburn North Carolina  
My Dear Bella I write these  
few lines hoping they will find you  
and my dear children in good  
health i will soon write as well  
as usual thanks be to god for all  
to inform you that i send you four  
letters since i came hear and i send  
you a bundt with a shall and two Books  
along i hope you have had them before  
this time we are still hear dont know  
what over we will have to leave nor  
what day we shall have over pay  
we are all in want of money at present  
i have ten cents left but i dont want  
to by any thing dont send me any  
thing to eat like butter or Appelbutter  
or peaches for they will not last me  
a day what men cant beg they will  
steal and i can dow without still  
i thank you the same for your care and  
kindness perhaps i mail come home soon