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Yellow Springs Ohio March 4th 1863

Dear Brother,

We received your letter
day before yesterday but neglected to answer
right away. School was out yesterday and
the boys went home at sundown
rather perry now for three of us
to sit down to table. If they come
back next term they will want to
board with us again they said.
Well it is raining this morning
it has done nothing but rain or
snow all this month. Mrs Wilson
~~was buried~~ died last Sunday she
was sick so long. I guess Mr Wilson
will go to Carley now they say
he is in Canada. They are giving
all Deserters till the first of April
to come back and report themselves
to camp or chase they say they are

coming in by the hundred
every day. Old Mrs Baty is ~~crazy~~
about Jimmy again she ^{sup} she has got
to go to Camp and Chase and report
himself. She is here about every
day to use us about it and
every Soldier she sees she ^{asko} them
if Jimmy can be taken as
a deserter, he wont go and she
cant make him go. They are getting
up a band here it sounds
good again to hear them playing
Herrmons have gone to Dayton
they had a sale and ^{sold} a good many
of their things. Jennie is in
Dayton now. She is going to
live with Joe. I expect Jennie
will be over to see us before long.
Mother wants to write some
on this sheet so, I guess I have
written my share so I will close
because this letter must be
mailed to day. Yours Truly Alley

March 28th 62

Dear Son

I have waited three days after receiving your letter before answering, hoping I would hear from Dayton so that I, ^{could} tell you whether they would accept my proposition, that is to pay the face of the Note. The Lawyer said he would advise Mr. Lawrence to do so, and let us know immediately. it is over two weeks since Mr. Tolten. was there and we have heard nothing yet. as soon as I get word I will let you know. you wanted to know how much of your money I had on hand. I have just ninety Dollars. I had a hundred and Ten when I wrote you in December but I had to pay my tax which ^{was} ~~to~~ five and I had to take another five to get each of us a pair of shoes, and it took ten and a half to pay Mary's Tuition. I hoped I could have enough

Borrow Money to replace Mary's
Term bill but did not. I had
just enough left to buy a load of
wood and a Sack of flour. every
thing is very high. wood is from
two to two and a half pr. Cord and flour
Six and a half pr barrel Coffee 40 cts pr
pound and butter 22 cts pr pound and
sugar 15 and potatoes 1.00 pr bushel
and every thing else about the same
ratio. and dry goods are out of the
question we dont pretend to get any.
you wanted to know what the folks
at home thought of the Conscription all
good Union Men think it is a good
thing but the Copperheads are down
on it. I will send you a Soldier's
letter showing you what one of the
Ohio Boys thinks of the Copperheads
well I must close. write soon.

as ever your Mother

E Sadley