

Wake. Providence Louisiana
March. the 2nd 1863.

Miss Maggie.

Dear Sister.

It is with pleasure that I proceed to
write a few lines to you to inform
you that I received your favor of
Feb. the 11th opened and read it with
pleasure ~~that I felt~~ ~~with the~~
glad to hear of your good health
happy to inform you of our good
health at the present time how
grateful we should feel to a
kind benefactor for his
kindness toward such unworthy
creatures as we are this is
this it is a beautiful Monday
morning clear and warm
I am sorry to hear of ^{Wm}
Travis's death but it is the doing
of the Lord.

you wished to know how
Sergeant - J. C. Starr, and
I got along well we
get along first rate we
have been bed ~~xx~~ fellows since
we came to Fort Donelson
we also have our old camp
Gilbert blankets yet -
but they are very thin
you can see through them
like a veil, ^{that is if you were here} but I think
they will do us this summer
my clothing account for the
year ending Dec. 1862, amounted
to \$42, that is the amount allowed
by the government for a years
clothing, but our dress suit made
~~at~~ it \$75. more we have to pay that
I dont think it will take so much
next year well I must stop this
scribbling for this time and subscribe
myself yours
Brother as ever.

I don't want card to Bell from Memphis did she get it I think

Don't forget to write soon. Laughlin