

May 20th 1864

Pulaski Penn.

Dear Mary I again embrace
an other opportunity of writing you
a few lines we left Clifton on the 16th
and arrived here yesterday it being a
distance of sixty five miles. The country
through which we passed is very poor
and but ~~little~~ thinly settled but what
few there are appear to be loyal the boys
say they never passed through a country where
the people would come out side their houses
to see them pass: but they come out all
along the road and wave their hands
chief and appear to be well pleased
to see us. I was diverted at three girls
who were standing by the road side as
we passed they were waving their hand
kerchiefs hollowing for the yankees they
the Rebs were all ~~backwards~~ and they
wanted us to run them all to ~~the~~ jumping

off place and then make them jump.

Mary my health is still very good although I am very tired and sore. Today we had a very hard march yesterday having marched twenty one miles in seven hours ~~near~~ ^{near} ~~the~~ ^{our} regiment off the road and marched five miles out of our way. There was scarcely one half of the regiment intact when we reached camp and did not get up until this morning. B. A. Wiley got very sick and was brought in in an ambulance. The order has just been given for us to have our knapsacks packed by three o'clock and they will be ~~to~~ ^{be} ~~hauler~~ ^{hauler} through to Huntville that will release us a good deal I suppose we will start on the march again in the morning.

I have no news to write you except what you have had but as far as I can hear it is very favorable.

I will close by giving my
to my family.

J. M. Coulson