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Dear father

Mother, brother and

sisters after delaying some
time I have taken up my
pen to direct a few lines
to you I am sorry to tell
you that I am not as well
as I have been I have not
been very well for some
weeks I have been taking
medicine for a few days the
doctor says that I am better
I do not feel very bad I am
not fit for duty I do not
think to my team now
and dont intend to untill
I get better

Wish his health
been very good for some
time he is some well
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being over against the fourth
of July but I fear it will
be a good while yet before it
is over I hope and trust
it soon will be over.

I must close now gives
my respects to all inquiring
friends and except of the
same yourselves

I remain as ever your
John S. M^r Tuttle

We have moved a piece
backward since I last
wrote to you the last
letter I wrote was sent
by Todd I suppose you
have got it by this time
we are now stationed
at Bolivar I do not
know how long we
will stay here, may
not a week and we
might for a month
hard telling, we have
put up best works here
we rather got darkies to do
it for them so there
is some prospects of staying
Caulkins health is good and
Philip Smith and Morrison
are in the rest of the
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