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Dear mother I now take up my pen to write you a few lines in hopes that they may come save to hand and find you well. I am well at this time and have been ever since I came here. I have wrote you a letter about 3 weeks ago and have been looking for an answer ever since but it has been in rain and I have now taken the opportunity of writing to let you know that the regiment to which I belong is going to leave here shortly for North Carolina we are going to Newbern. I want you to have you receive this letter to take or send it to my wife also tell me in your letter if Jayn still looks for me tell me all about her. Write immediately to me yours obediently Samuel Cabble
Dear Wife,

I have enlisted in the army and am now in the state of Massachusetts. But before this letter reaches you, I will be in North Carolina. Although great is the present national difficulty, yet I look forward to a brighter day. When I shall have the opportunity of seeing you in the full enjoyment of freedom, I would like to do so if you are still in slavery. If you are not, it will not be long before we shall have crushed the system that now oppresses you. For the course of three months, you shall have your liberty. Great is the outpouring of the colored people that is now rallying with the heart of lions against that very curse that has separated you. We shall meet again. Oh, what a happy time that will be when this ungodly rebellion shall be put down, and the curses of our land are trampled under our feet. I am a soldier now, and I shall use my utmost endeavor to strike out the rebellion and the heart of this system that so long has kept us in chains.

Write to me as soon as you get this letter and tell me if you are still living in the cabin where you used to live. Tell Eliza you have my best respect and love. And tell your daughters that I would send you some money but I now it is impossible for you to get it. I would like to see little Jenkins now but it is impossible at present. So no more but remain your own affectionate husband until death.
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