

Fayetteville Apr 17th 1864

Dear Cousin It is with
pleasure that I seat myself to write
you a few lines in answer to your
letter which came to hand this
morn^g & was glad to hear you were
all well. we are all well at present
your father was very unwell the last
time I heard from him. Times is
very hard here & getting worse it
looks like starvation is drawing very
nigh people are not putting out
any crops of any notice we are
not putting out any at all it has
The has not been a clear day here
for near four weeks & I never
saw it snow harder than it did here
this morning Livelys Sam & Leroy
ran away from home Sam has
Volunteered in the 5th Va Regt
Sinclair Birded is on Sick Creek
if it is the old man you had
reference to The is a ~~dear~~ great

deal of desertion going on I think
they will all run away in course
of a year or two and I hope how
soon this wicked war will end
so what few people there are
living could get home I have
been told that there are lots of
the Union prisoners starved to
death in ~~Rich~~ Richmond
Write soon your Cousin
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