

Sligo pd. Clinton County N. Y.
May the 12th. 1865

Mr Laban Guinness Dear Brother I

Received a letter from you some time
a go and it found us all well except
my self I can say to you that I am
a great deal better now than when I recd
your letter I am able to walk around
pretty smart I still have some very bad
spells but some good ones so I can put
up with most any thing that there is any good
at all about it This leaves the rest all
well Bowde had a severe spell a few days
ago but has got over it Pattersons is all
well and the folks generally and has been
ever since we come here

Laborn the war is over and
we are looking with strait forward eyes
toward Va we are thinking of getting back
on our own dung hill once more I
expect to start about the first of June
up that way my self and see what the
times is any how we cant get no letters
from there and I intend to go my self and
see whether it will be safe to move back
this fall or not John Harvey is going with
me the bold hog live or dye he wants
to buy him self a farm up there if the country
pleases him he is a son of the old man we
live with they are wealthy people good
ones two James Reynolds got a letter
from one of the Rogers Boys from Kanawha
He stated that the Reb Soldiers was dis
banded and come home and wanted the

Give our best love to all the friends

union people to come back and live
friendly with them for my part I have
been away so long that the friend ship
that I once had is all gone never to
return I thank them I have plenty of friends
here with out making friends of Rebels if there
is no union men up there to neighbor with
I will be a family to my self

Tell Charles Burns

That the Confederacy is sum what I ma
shed down that King Jeff is panting
from place to place to try to make
his escape but I hop he will soon go in
the same way that his Brother Booth did
and the way Charley's Brother Bowls & Co
is going the 19th of this month at indian
opolis it is time all such traitors as he
is was being worked up and trumbling in their
boots for the great day of Vengence is at
hand - But I suppose it will be the
same story as usual when they see danger
they will claim that they have always
been good union men but that won't
pay the Debt - I have nothing of impor
tance to writ it is very wet now folks have
been stopped about planting wheat looks fine
Plenty aples Peaches cherys & Co.

We are getting along

fine plenty to eat and wear we havent heard
from B Guinn yet if you have got any news
from him you must let us know
you must write soon as you get this and maby we
will get the answer before we start to do yours
until Death John G. Guinn to Laban Guinn