

Camp Stone wall King  
Vauchel

Dear Sister.

Having an opportunity of ~~writing~~  
writing a letter by hand, though I have written  
this week I thought I would give you a note.

We start on picket again day after tomorrow  
as it has been raining & snowing for a day  
or so a walk of ten miles through the slush  
will not be very pleasant.

The snow fell here to the depth of eight  
or ten inches, but the rains have swept  
it all off & the mud is now as deep as  
the snow was, but the soldiers do not grudge  
at mud as it will retard military move-  
ments as long as it lasts. You see we are as  
big comrades as ever. This thing of soldiers  
being anxious to engage the enemy or as  
our papers term it "spoiling for a fight"  
is all a fudge. We are never anxious  
but when it comes all will do their duty.  
Gov Vance delivered a speech to the North  
Carolina troops today.

The day after the  
snow fell, our division challenged the Rhode  
Island for a snowball, which was accepted by them  
& they headed by their officers drove us off  
the field capturing our colors, but we could  
not let it stand thus, so sending for Gen  
Walker, we formed again, & drove them  
through their camp recapturing our colors  
& several of their officers.

The only thing that happened to me the  
pleasure of the day was an accident to  
Eun Hoopes who was knocked off her horse  
by a piece of fence which I suppose  
was rolled in a windmill.

Thus is the manner on the subject of man  
running since Co. C left, suppose it has  
died out unless The D. M. stays deep up  
the flame.

I suppose that since has been very  
big business day, they had probably been  
out yet, I want to write to him as soon as  
he returns to camp to find out how  
he stands on accident camp and about things  
since from what he said I think you will  
not see him again.

I suppose your letters are very much  
interesting as we have nothing but  
our friends & trials for relatives & confidants  
to own little sphere we have no news  
I know that what is going on the other  
side of, other who have just access to  
the world of politics is a little govern-  
ment by himself. Has his own household  
duties to attend to, such as cooking, wash-  
ing, mending, &c. I think the ladies should  
all consider themselves fortunate who get  
an old Dr. rebel for a husband, he could  
appreciate all the little evils which she  
would be subjected to in the same age -  
ment of more bold affairs. I see my paper to  
and give my love to all friends who love  
of 1864