Cayo 3 Ear
Talmouth Sept
May 24/1813

Dear Brother your
kind letter was received
last evening containing
a note too. Why I did
not write when Clay did
was because I thought if
he wrote it would be an
ight at that time and
I would give you a
long letter when I got
above. I could do so
conveniently. Why our
Army crossing the river
is more than I know
and I suppose there is
a great many and the
same fix, if I could tell
you I would do so, but bring as ignorant as you
self of the position of the
Army up the river I can
not give you any reliable
information. Please remem-
ber that our Division was
here at Fredericksburg and
we could not possibly know
anything about any other
part of the field, as for
the heights in the rear of
the City I think that
we could of held there
if they would only let this
Division go in and give
them a trial, instead
of that they withdrew this
Division to this side of the
river and allow the
Rebels to come up on the heights without fighting any. I don't know what was General Brookes plans so I don't know when ther he was out General or fell back on account of the two years mens term being out. there certainly are a great many going home now. Our Gen worked a sharp game to get the Rebs routed out of the pitts when we first attacked. Ordering all of our Division to the right and we going to the right we had to go over about 20 rods of ground that was perfectly smooth, here they
Gave us plenty of shell. Stil we kept on moving to the right and  the rets thinking they had better have done more and where we were going ordered troops to from this right our left and put them in the rifle pits in front of us, then fire began and shell our the rets from where they had taken reinforcements to cope with us. I would not censure any one of our men without knowing more than I do at the present moment about their real intentions and intentions.
He had a division with the 3rd day such a time all went and no water for about 12 hours. The 3rd Brigade inspection the 3rd day and marched about a mile to the grounds then passed in review and was reviewed then marched a short way around to get to camp. Our Brigade is commanded by Provision a regular old leatherhead he is and grumpy, we lost a good lad when Thelley left us, this old fellow keeps us drilling all the time and the tired is so hot
that it will fairly melt a fellow. Brother you say you are going to trade your lot if you do trade trade to your advantage ask for accommodation, for the world is comprised ofrotter villains and cheats even, if your disputes happen to get a hold of the former class, your being a coward would not make any difference. Here I have been giving you advice about trading and come to look at the letter you are going to trade with uncle James so I am not afraid of him cheating you abit but Brother you had better get you a lot.