

Fort Anderson

June 13, 1863

Lib,

I have received letters from you that should be answered but first at present am short of time. I was put in 1st Sergt of Co A (to which we were transferred) on the consolidation of the regt and have been very busy since, in getting matters arranged. I had the pleasure of a visit from James Nickols a few day since and we had a fine time I assure you. It was very unexpected to both us and very welcome also to me . I have taken dinner with him once since then. He belongs to Co. I 3rd NJ Calvary and is now an Orderly for Gen. Potter (Gen. Foster's Chief of Staff). He has an excellent name among the men for bravery and good conduct, and for service at the Siege of Little Washington. He has been recommended for the "Medal of Honor" by Gen. Foster. He is the same "Jim" as ever, and I reckon we had an old- fashioned visit and hope to have more. I see him every time I go to form.

I received letters from Cousin Anna and from Mary and our folks, so that I am well posted in affairs at home, and with the papers you all send, I get most of the county news, so much for having friends that can write, (I suppose you can write, can't you)

Jimmy Nickols told me he was going to write you, if you had no objections, I told him, "of course not," for I knew you would like to hear from your old schoolmate again.

Today it rains hard, but as our tents are very high and dry we are quite as comfortable as at home. I hope you will excuse my brevity, but really I am short of time just now.

I trust that as soon as you receive this you will immediately sit you down and write a very long and interesting letter to

Your Brother

John