

York Town Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> 1861

You can see that I commenced my letter two days ago, would have finished it yesterday, but our regiment moved into York Town, and I was busy all day. Since day before yesterday, two important events have occurred, 1<sup>st</sup> I have been paid \$3,00, 2<sup>d</sup> I have taken the Mumps. The first was quite agreeable, but the last is very disagreeable. I have had them now two days. My jaws are not swollen yet much. I can scarcely eat, they pain me a great deal after eating. I am careful not <sup>to</sup> catch cold with them, but I have some cold already. They paid us \$25,00 for clothing, and \$18,00 for nearly two months, they owe us still for our a month. I told you that Jud & Fred had gone up the river. Jud has come back, but Fred is still up.

There suffering a great deal with  
Rheumatism. Cousin Jessie speaks of  
staying up here a good while yet. Aunt  
Sarah intends going home between now  
& the 20th of this month, but expects to  
return in a few months if she can.  
We are now in the very spot <sup>expected to</sup> we oc-  
cupy during winter, but I learn that  
the Yankees at Old Point expect to winter  
- quarters in York town, but will give  
them a scuffle before they can get  
it. Cis and Colonel Cotte's regiment  
will stay here, and Col Colquitt will  
command them. I am very well sat-  
isfied <sup>with</sup> our position. Our company re-  
ceived a box of clothing from Driggs  
last night in which were a great  
many pillow-cases & sheets &c. I took  
1 sheet and 2 pillow cases, though I  
have no pillow, but Aunt Harriet said  
she would send me one. Kit & Jud are  
on guard today, Kit was complaining  
somewhat this morning. It is beginning

to be pretty cold already, but I have  
not seen any frost yet. I see no  
prospect of a fight now. Our forces  
are encamped in a few miles of New-  
port news, and if there is a fight  
I don't think our regiment will be  
in it, for we will have to defend  
York Town. but if they attack us  
simultaneously by land & water, then  
we may have to fight. I will close  
as I know nothing interesting to write.  
Love to Family & neighbors. Write  
often, and continue to ask the blessings  
of the Almighty upon us.

Your affectionate son

Henry Burr

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