

Camp Chase, Ohio Dec. 12th 1861

Dear Governor,

Your kind letter came to hand on the 12th, it finds me still suffering. The weather is very disagreeable, this has been right for me. I am not particularly fond of the kind of food you send, just as you think but I feel the want of Red Cross if you have one old Red Cross or Blanket that you can spare, it would be welcomed indeed. Also a little chewing tobacco, though I feel a very great delicacy in asking for them, but it is necessary that Campbell has. I have not the means of getting them otherwise, it is not easy to have permits for the articles mentioned, the reason assigned by the authorities is that in regard to Red Cross when the leave here. He will not be allowed to carry them with us, for he has no Camp here and no Blanket, with only what continues with him and has to sell. I am sorry to hear of sickness in your family, but hope all may recover soon. I conclude with my love to yourself and family. Thinking you all as Merry Christmas and happy New Year. I will ever remain your devoted servant,
Gen. Wm. McKim