Cliffbourne Barracks

Washington, D.C.

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Friend Jerome

 Old Connecticut and Jack has plaid (sic) out. I am down in Dixie once more but not to the front yet and if I know myself I shall not get down there this winter (and I rather think I do).

 Just before Christmas a squad of about twenty-five got orders to pack up and go to Washington and I was one of the number and then the old man was down in the mouth, but I got word of it the night before we left and I shut-up ship early and started out to see some of the girls and if I did not have a good time then my name is not Jack.

Serg’t Shepardson of Co. K is here with me. We went down to the City yesterday. Went all over the capital & Pattent (sic) Office and went into the White House. Saw Uncle Abe and his wife, had a mery (sic) time and I thought of you a number of times and wished you was with me.

 We have got gay quarters. I can crawl through the Barracks in almost any place and it is cold enough to freeze the hair off a Brass Munkeys (sic) arse.

 I am on guard today for the first time since I left Petersburg. I have got a toad sticker swinging by my side and I feel prety (sic) grand.

 Well I congratulate you in your extra stripe but if you go back to your Co. again until you are forced to I will pound you the first time that I see you. I am sorry that I did not get your letter before I left New Haven so to draw your money on that check, but I did not get it until today. If I had the money here I would send it to you and keep the check, but I have not and will have to send you back the check. I have not received any money from the Government since you left New Haven.

I often thought of my old Friend when I was getting one of them things in N.H. but it is all plaid (sic) out now. If you get a chance to send my knapsack pleas (sic) direct it to Isaac Whittlesy, Mystic Bridge, Conn. My paper is about plaid (sic) and I will dry up. Give my regards to all the Boys and believe me ever your faithful friend Jack.

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