



"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."

U S A General Hospital
 Frederick City Md Apr 8th
 Friends Franklin and Palley
 you will doubtless be
 surprised to receive a letter
 from me but to day I
 was lonesome and got
 to thinking of my old friend
 in Grenville, and you in
 particular so I thought I
 would write you a letter and
 see if you would answer it
 so here I am
 Now I suppose you know
 something of my history since
 I left home over a year
 ago and it would be need
 less for me to give you any
 particulars concerning it

so I will ⁱⁿ say that I
 have seen harder times within
 the last ^{months} more than ever I
 did up there on the Hill
 a Farming: soldiering
 may be all very well but
 I don't see the fun: and
 I hope that we'll have
 no occasion to soldier it
 much longer the Rebels are
 about played out I think
 the war must soon be over
 and peace once more resto-
 red - to our bleeding
 Country God grant
 that it may be so ~~now~~
 At Franklin I suppose
 you are at your springs
 work now days well all
 I can say ^{is} ~~to~~ dig away
 plant all the Potatoes you
 can and I will try to be

up there and help you dig
them I had rather dig Pota-
toes - than fight Jhonies or
any ^{day} Jews or lay in the latter
for it is terrible loomsome
here we can not get ^{to} pass
more than once in a week
when it is not much sat-
isfaction to go out in the
City and see others enjoy
themselves when I can not
myself my health is very
poor I am like an old-broke
down horse hardly able to
get about but I am some
better now than when I first
came here and hope soon
to be well again I felt so
well to day that I got a pass
and went out into the City
it is a very well laid out
place and contains some very

five buildings but there is a great many secessh in it. I saw some Houses

that was built during the Revolutionary war by the English officers they are Stone Buildings and are yet in tolerable good condition

Well now I guess I had better bring this disappointed letter to a close so please write to me soon and give me all the news I ~~cant~~ cannot put stamps on my letters for I cannot get them and I dont like to have others have to pay ~~for~~ them but I will close

by giving you my best respects please remember me to all of my Friends Good Bye for the present From Thomas Monroe

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