

Portsmouth Grove  
P. V. May 9<sup>th</sup>

Dear Sister

I received your letter  
to night I had just got back  
from school I was a looking  
for it; I have had quite a number  
of letters of late so it has kept  
me pretty busy I got one from  
Ellen she was about the same as  
usual a little more down hearted if  
anything she wrote that she had  
not heard from you since she was  
down there I should think that  
you would write to one other once  
and a while and I wrote to her  
about it but she has got so she  
hates to write she says she rather  
take a liking then to write she used  
to like to write but she so much to

do that she cant get time to write as she  
used to I have got so that I like  
to write I dont want to do nothing  
else but write I am getting quite  
a practis now but not enough to  
improve very fast we have got a very  
good writing master he is a good  
plaine writer he dose not put on  
the flourish that some dose but he  
is a very plain and perty writer. we  
have got a new teacher in Arithmetic  
the old one is helping make out the  
pay roles we shal proberly get paid  
this mounth but there will be a lot  
sent away soon, I dont expect to  
go away at presont I am pretty laim  
yet my wounds are all heald up and  
have been this some time my health  
is pretty good and I am fleshing up I  
am as heavy now as I was when I  
enlisted I have outterd some since  
I came away I dont think that  
you would know me if you should

meet me in Boston and you was not  
 a looking for me; we had a very good  
 meeting hear Fast day the best that  
 we have had since we have been hear  
 they hade a contribution last night  
 to get mony to send on to the mishanays  
 they got twenty five dollars and  
 if it had been after pay day they  
 would got a grate deal more —

there has been a lot of Soldiers  
 come in lately there was two from  
 my Co, Garrison Pratt was one, if  
 I was ever glad to se any one it was  
 him he did not hardly know me.  
 Rutilus wrote me that his Cousin  
 Winslo Packard was dead he belonged  
 to my Co's, Major Leavitt has been  
 home the news is more encourigen  
 from Fredricks burg to night; that  
 fellow has not got his discharge yet  
 I dont know as I care about mine  
 at present I have not time to write  
 any more to night, yours from Seth