I saw Walter Peace to-day, the way at home where Mr. Peach died. By the way, I wish you would apologize to Mr. Joe Davis for my not calling upon him for I should have done but for the storm, which just allowed me to touch at the little business I had to do on Thursday. The note of uncle John tells him the bank in Martin from that you will get enough to pay the 5% Johnson house interest and the latter life insur. premium. In the meantime if you want a little spend you may cut the coupon from the August 7th 20¢ and sell them gold or they now are 10 ½ ½ cent premium - higher than the 5 20¢. When they come due, I can get them converted into 6 59 18 81 which sold at the same price so I shan’t lose any thing by not leaving them into 5 20¢ - things are as dull as ever and the continuation of business is, in my opinion, by
endurable. There is little probability of my regiment being ordered to the front. Sometimes since we hoped that it would be of a considerable number of the men reenlisted. Not so large a number as we expected are doing so and if all of them did, I do not think the army would be permitted to have their stores. We are getting ready for the Spring Campaign, but I imagine it is only for the purpose of not being surprised in case the enemy should initiate operations. If left to ourselves we shall not be likely to make any serious demonstrations before the middle of April if the Spring should be unexpectedly favorable. The winter has been very dry with an unusual proportion of warm pleasant weather. They found that we shall have a very cool Spring, and the roads may prevent us from making any movement before the first of June. We may be kept going the rail road when the rainy season moves, as the regular army is very small. The king of War has, as usual, issued the orders for reenforcing my pay, so that I shall be able to send you some money as soon as the Paymaster’s order comes. The order was a perfect surprise to the garrison of less than $2000 to pay the troops with since it was issued. It is said now that the paymaster will visit us soon. I hope he will get his money for a week yet. Other I shall be able to send you a large supply of greenbacks.