host I revery in March the Ind, 1863. My Ileas Frather: It is with much pleasure that I now rembrace the present moments to write you a Shart letter. I have tut little mens to write; the, however, I write to let you know that we are yet a tive, and very well at present Nell enough, nevertheless to be on guard. Times are very dull at this plan now. There is but little excitement gin earnh. Jos. Rantings and Charley are well. Harvey theliand and the rest of the boys are well also. I hear but title from ball. Hely now; but I hear errough to know that he can't get me back

He had Some very bad weather in February. He had a know eight or ten mehes deep. Me get enough bread and ment to eat now, for the first time since I have been at this place. He have been arowing for the last well a half of a found of meal perday. I nothing thappen, I Shall get get a furlough in five of Sig weeks man and ball high If shall be compelled to close my letter by not having any thing the unite to exense me for to show a letter Write to me Love and lese the rest to write four devoted formers A. M. Banting