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Dear and Beloved Billa

I wrote these few lines to inform you that I am in first rate health and I hope you and Elie and the Baby as well there is one of our Soldiers is home this day and there has one at Washington been here I am more afraid of sickness than one thing else for there are a great many of the soldiers in the Hospital and we expect to see or to march you hear every day I put a letter in the post of the yesterday and the other half of a fire in it I hope you will receive well

ye yuoyf f'edd' weei' d'au' son
haner gill' Pimpe d'loc' in' y' llyth
ar haner ar' all' yn' y' llyth' ar
yn' ma' gab' eith'io' y' C'ar'ch' y' d'dai
haner yn' d'af' f'i'alla' a' g'alla'
d'au' son' p'im'p' ar' all' h'ub' f'od' yn'
l'ire