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Rutland Vt. May 29 1861

10 o'clock P. M.

Dear Mary:

We arrived here safe and sound all of us except our fifer, whom we left sick of the measles at Bellows Falls. We have just been to supper and are now quartered with the Northfield Company in the Town Hall.

We are all in good spirits and "they say" we have as good a company as there is on the ground.

We were heartily greeted the whole of the way. At Bellows Falls we were met by the citizens, the Band and the Fire Company, and after being escorted through the streets, were very unexpectedly invited into a hall, tastily trimmed, to partake of refreshments prepared by the ladies of the town. I saw Mrs. Miller and Frances Taylor who used to go to school to us. Mrs. Miller will send you a paper and Liana containing a notice of our reception there.

Joe Bliss had made every provision for us