From James H. Buxton to Daniel L. Chandler

[page 1] Laurence Kansas. Aprial the 27th 1862

D[.]L[.] Chandler Dear Friend

I Recived two leters From you on the 25 both dated the 21 and a pease from John in one of them and \$5[.] I was hapy to hear from you and to hear that you and Joh[n] was well[.] I am well[.] I think I am better than I hav bin in a long time though I hav had the ague four or five days since I come here[.] I also recieved my description roll[.] I have let Mr[.] brown hav five dolars fifty cents[.]

I hav jist came From church[.] Mr[.] brown preached a very good Sermon to day[.] he is a very good minister I think[.] it is jist a nice ride for me to town[.] I can take a ride with the girls or with Charley or by myself a mos [almost] any time or I can ride a hors back[.] Mary has bin teaching school in town[.] her school was out last fryday but that dos [does] not hender me from studying any[.] she is gong to teaching again soon[.] I hav bin studing arithmatic[,] gramer and geography[.]

the soldiers hav all left har [here] and gon to fort rily[.] the 2end regt left yestiday[.] there is about two or three hundred left in the hospittle[.] I expect to live with you when you come out of the army for you seem as near to me as my Father[.] I hope the war will not last long now for our men is gaining the ictry very fast[.] So it is geting late and I must take one of the neighbor girls home and then I must wright to John[.]

Truly yores
James H[.] Buxton

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