

Stringtown. Ind.
March 4th, 63

Dear Friend;

with pleasure
I acknowledge the reception of
a letter from you - the first since
last Jan; notwithstanding your
~~file~~ about writing every week.
Very sorry to hear of your ill
health - yet I fear it is not of
a nature to be alleviated by
the remedy you propose. I am
sure if I thought so I would
be delighted to comply with
your request by editing a daily.
The tenor of your letter is
quite desponding and not with
a cause. Your matters assume
decidedly ~~blow~~ ^{blow} ~~par~~ ^{par} appearance
I am under the impression

that if "We Democrats" just had
their way this war would
terminate double quick; that is
if there remains one iota of
benevolence in Jefferson's perverted
nature, he could never resist
such eloquent appeals from
his ardent sympathizers and
, would be, brethren. I can
but admire the spirited manner
with which the rebels repel
the fawning propositions of
their emissaries.

There is considerable dissension
among the parties in this section.
The bitter nut maledy became
so prevalent about Rockport
that a troop of republicans that
were stationed there destroyed
their printing press also, deprived
them of their cannon which they
took to their camp.

I must quit writing in this manner

as I don't wish to be dubbed
'Antidemocratic' when as you are
aware, I am a decided neutral (?),
specimen.

Several friends from the 4th Ind
can have been furloughed and
are spending a few days at
home, — or at "God's Country" as they
denominate it. Please, write soon
and often 'Tis ever a pleasure
to hear from you, although
you apologize for writing once
a month. Excuse this miserable
writing, — or accept it as a
compliment to your perceptive
faculties.

Yours,
Willie —

Received
Benedict
March 13th 1863
Answered " 14th "

Capt. F. Peckenpough
49th Reg. Ind. Vol.
Vicksburg
Miss.

