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James Broderick Safford

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Pulaski Tenn  
July 15<sup>th</sup> 1864

My Dear Father

I rec'd your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup>  
or the 13<sup>th</sup>. You still owe me a letter  
in answer to one written after the 4<sup>th</sup>  
Last night our Regiment was paid  
We rec'd two months pay and Half  
Bounty I do not send any money  
Home this time I loaned all my  
spare money to Lieut Smith at 10 per cent  
until next pay day I did not like to  
do it but he has always let me have  
any thing I wanted and done me  
a great many favors and by borrowing  
that amount from me he squared  
up all his old debts and will be  
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well he can get a better position in a  
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this morning and I got my things  
all right I am very well pleased  
with the shirts they are just the  
thing for I break out with the  
Itch so that the government wool  
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I also got the things you sent  
me in Carboys Box I

I wish you would go

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me a good Black Coat and  
send me I think if you will take  
it to Brunts clothing store you  
can send it with Dr Saml Lewis  
goods he says for me to <sup>do</sup> that  
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less than 7 or 8 ff.

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Your aff am  
J. B. Safford

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a furlough to 1900  
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