

"Bingham School"
April 8th 1886

Dear Pa,

Your favor of the 6th,
with the draft, rec'd.

Enclosed you will find
receipt.

The "sack coat" I wrote
you about, costs Seventeen
Dollars (\$17.00). My stripes
will cost Four^{or} Five dollars.
I am wearing my new pants
(those I bought this term) every
day, & will have to have
them cleaned up, this will
take One dollar & a half
\$1.50. I wear my 7¹/₄ hat. I
had rather have a medium
size brim, not too wide.

There has been an unusual

amount of sore throat
in school this term.
I thought I was going
to have it last Monday,
but I went to Mr. White &
had him to fix me up
a wash, & I used it once
or twice & it cured me.
Several of the boys here
had to go to Raleigh
to consult a Physician,
& two boys were advised
to quit school; so they
did so. One of them was
our "Third Lieut". Since he
has left I have ~~been~~ promoted
one step higher. I am
now Fourth Sgt. This leaves
me well. My regards to
Will Jenkins when you see
him. When does Congress
adjourn?

Affectionately Your son E. G. G.

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