

"Bingham School"
April 8th 1876

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 no 7 1/4 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. Whites & had him to fix me up a wash, & I used it once or twice & it cured me. Several of the boys have 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
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