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First Brooks, Tampa, Ha. Juniary 234 1857. My dear Mother, Mail day comes twee a week. The Muil Comes in from Batatha Saturday and leaves Sunday night or monday morning and also comes & goes wednesday night. This is priday but I have commenced that very to write you lest I should be down by some unixpuetre business as I have been before & be prevented or hindered from writing. I am now permanently settled him at Jampa having soons to lingself such as they are. The lower of tampa Contains between free of dry hundred inhobitant, & is pleasantly located at the mouth of Hillsburgh tiver on Tumpa Buy. The military Keserve now collect Fort Brooke borders on the Buy directly, while the village of Tumpa lies immediately contiguous to the Reserve on the horth. There is very little enterprise in the trun. falents of Stones, a pew gardene & no fine buildings. Each man of moderate well has his sugross for home dervants. General Marney has called in service ten Companies of Florida Mounted Voluntiers & have their distribution all over the State. Then Eighty Staces lack company including the Officers, and we have went, severallegular troops of Artilleng & Impanting with Eighty six in each company, also distributed for the different Posts & Stations. On the 19th Ulb. the

Indians murdered a whole family & barned their leanse to the ground at New Ingrae on the Indian Hiver . I sion to this He have sent out White flags of True & encleavored to get a talk with the Indians, and Gevernment proposed to send a Delegation of this same tribe of Seminoles Who have mound to the West to afist General Harney's negotiations. This delegation has not arrived & the General has with drawn his White flags and declas -ell a war of Extensionation against the Indians of Horieta. Troops are now in motion slowing the whole country. The General himself left have a week eigo today to visit all the different Stations I troops in the field. My duties have been to supply The Voluntium with arms, accountrements of annumition and the Regulars with Communition 40 as seguma. The past week has therefore him frostly busy, bus now there is not much going on here an aclansional Requisition for supplies comes in, and a train of Muleteams as a Steamback leaves to eaver provisions & forage to different parts of the State. Me have here a parturnaster & his clarks, a Commission, a Commanding officer of the Part & adjutant, an apristuit adjutant General, a paymoster & a young affin of the Dragovers on a Sick leave. The weather has been quite lold for this region but generally pleasant. One or two nights the iee in my room has, been a quarter of an inch in thekness. Our house is so open that the cold is not interdiction all. Welken a large fine place in one of the soons, and Keep a larger

fire than you do at home. Lieut Muck of Company '9 4th Regiment of Attleny lives with me. He is a very June young man a little older than I. He left his hope at Boston of the proceedice at once to his Mounts in Osiveyo New York. Ma have very fiturent times together, Studying, reading and writing. There an a few ladies on the fast. Her Major Morris & Mess Huggand a young married lady - Select Hagges is Matiemed have for the present & The has just joined his We have also this Mujor Lage & Sister & the Tractionan wife this Major the Minstry. May Seenard the paymuster, married a French lady in California & lives in lowir. I called whom them might before las and spent a social, pleasants evening. The is very young & quelt handsome. He had some apples during the evening, that reminded une of a would evening at home. He coloton in apples here. Oranges take the place of them. Hers Leonard speaks English very fruttely, but with a slight accent. The says she lost a little Child here, about a year ago, the chile was nearly two years old. Tumpa is said to be very hulthy generally- Invalides come here Jour the with me the frisher, but they don't find very wenne weather the for though I saw a Garden full of Green Calebages the other chay. They must have evered then at night. Sout you think there cabbayes rather early? I processe the soon is dufe enough now with you, I was in hopes the last will would know

brought a letter from you. I got two from Liggie, one was a week older than the other. She lays the will be nearly to go to Main as soon as Rowland; lectures close - say. The twenty fith or wixth of Februa Atthe guy is bright & happy, & all well. I would like to be them, but noticely knows how soon that will be. It all depends on the time of this Compage. Planed is lovered with forests, hummocks, Swamp. of Everylader - places to densely wooded with undulous I small showles, of hundreds of acres in extent, that it is possible for the Red Skins to hide & hole the ground for years. Still some nave good fortur may tring them forth this time. Our preparate are equal to an army of I woo men of there are no our 200 warriors among the Indians of Horida It not uneary about me, my health never was better thou it is here, I have a good appoint & sleep admirably. I am a little in fear of the Muskeloes her When the weather gets wurn, but I gives they wont en me up. The my love to all our friends. to Roland, wife Child. Unch Ensign & family when you In them. Is Lauren at Seviston? I suppose she will imagine one in the thickest of some endian fight. Teneval Howney worldn't let me go with the field if I was willing. Sometruly much how a suffely in reas. Ilen not selfish enough to regret the sending of me how for I am pleasantly & comfortably estrated lumpused with many a desiring young officer, who has left a wife & family at the North, and who is now sluping .