Washington, D.C., April 13th, 1865

Dear Dear Brother,

good of the 15th is before me and I am happy indeed to hear that you are getting well again and your family is recovering from its affliction.

John I wrote a letter to you I think that you have received it before this time but I will write you a short letter this evening yes John President Lincoln is dead and gone and on the 14th his remains are on its way to its last resting place in the far west Springfield Illinois they left here at eight o'clock this morning and I seen his body at the White House last Tuesday.

Wednesday it was conveyed to the capital the crowd of people was large and on Thursday, his body lay in State at the capital and an immense swarm of people was
there's all day to get a last glimpse of the once spacious ruler of these United States and our unhappy country.

I went on guard yesterday morning at the old capital Prison and come off this morning and this Prison nothing but Rebel Prisoners of war are confined and mostly all Rebel officers from second Lieutenant to General, and what little opportunity that I had to speak to them they all felt sorry and said that to their opinion that the best man for peace had gone and did not think that the so called Confederate Government had anything to do with the assassination and was afraid that we would use them pretty rough. We have always used prisoners of war well and I thing that we will always will as long as they will behave themselves. Two hundred of them was sent off this morning.
for Johnson Island where the 1st Gen. was with the lot Gen. Pegram was his name those two hundred was all Officers.

Well John I don't know that I have much more to write this time

there is a rumor now that the VRS will all be Mustard out soon
and if they do I will get out of the Service but if the war continues I will get in the country if I can
I have one good arm yet and I can fight it out I had thoughts to quit
when I got out but this last cowardly
Murder is enough to arouse every
Patriots heart and fight as long as
he can raise an arm

Hoping that this will find you all well as it leaves me I will close
for this time. My Health is good at
present. Remain as ever your,

Devotie Brother,

Perf. Reuben Garick.