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Letter from Dave David G. Muir to John Muir, 1862 Nov 15

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Saturday Eve Nov 15th 1862

Thomas James Brooker

As the children are all scribbling for you I strike the pretense to speak a word. I am very well, and happy too, hope you be the same. I am so glad that I was not deserted, for I almost expected to be, and you are safe till the next fall. I suppose you hear and see soldiers enough every day. I don't see any except here. I have engaged in the militia very business till next July making 9 months in all. I got a tip-top 2d grade certificate but I don't want to need it. I got \$15 for

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the first month I get \$18 for
the next 5 months and \$20 for
the last 3. Making \$150. for
the last 8 months, with
board & washing the former
of which is the top of my head
I have sold my oxen, and
am quite free again. Ask
Mr. Abbott why he dont
write once in a while. Tell
him I want a Dutch & English
Dictionary i.e. a Dutch English
& English Dutch one. Ask him
to let me know if they have
any good ones, and how much
it will cost. If he cant get
a good one tell him to
send it, and tell me what it
cost. And I will send the
money. You see I have
have improved in my writing
lately. Write soon & all the
news. And remember
Yours Dear Sir
John C. ...

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Saturday eve., Nov. 15th, 1862.

Jehanes, Mine Bruder:

As the children are all scribbling for you I took the notion to speak a word. I am very well and happy too. Hope you are ditto exactly. I am plaguey glad that I am not drafted, for I almost expected to be, and you are also free till the next call. I suppose you hear and see soldiers enough every day. I don't see any except loafers.

I have engaged in the haberdashery business till next July, making 9 months in all. I got a tiptop 2d grade certificate, but I am not going to need it. I got \$15 for the first month. I get \$18 for the next 5 months, and \$20 for the last 3, making \$150 for the last 8 months, with board and washing, the former of which is tiptop.

You know I have sold my oxen, and am quite free again. Ask D. Y. Abbott why he doesn't write once in a while. Tell him I want a Dutch and English dictionary, i.e. a Dutch-English, English-Dutch one. Ask him to let me know if they have any good ones, and how much it will cost. If he can't get a good one tell him to send it, and tell me what it cost, and I will send the money. You see, John, I have improved in my writing lately.

Write soon and all the news. And remember Portage City. Goodbye,
dear sir, says,

Dave [Muir]