



HEAD-QUARTERS,
Co. 1st Regt Michigan

Engineers and Mechanics.

Camp M. Bridgeport Alabama 1864.

I haven't heard any thing from Clara in a good while, began to think she is worse or they would write.

The Lafever boys are all pretty well now except - Levi Smith & he is gaining quite fast,

I expect the boys all will be back in camp again in a few weeks, then I guess we will have to dull some,

Well excuse this short letter for I don't feel like writing.

From your Brother

J. H. Hough

Dear brother B

I feel rather tired to write much just now, but have made up my mind to answer your letter this afternoon, the reason of my being tired is because I took so long a walk. This

forenoon, for my own pleasure.

I went over the river on to the island, and went up to the head of the island, probably 4 or 5 miles from camp, I

got a few shells to make rings but could not find many good ones,

Saw some specimens of low life in Dixie, I will not undertake to describe it -

but will just say, that it is as low as you have any idea of