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This morning while I was eating breakfast
- my Cousin Cicero came in our camp.
He told me that our boys fairly shouted
when he told them I was safe they have
sent us reinforcements from Knoxville and
I learn this morning that Genl Floyd is coming
on to help us - the enemies forces are variously
- reported from 1800 to 5,000 I think if our
Generals will manage right we will
be certain to whip them - The dark clouds
are resting over us and our repeated
reverse is killing the spirit of a great many
of our men - but I am in stronger hope
now than I have been in 6 weeks - every
man I can hear of is willing to shed
his blood in his countries defence - the
People are arousing themselves and seem
to know our danger and appreciate
the blessings of Liberty - the Yankees as they
advance disfranchise every man
who belongs or did belong to our army
they are placed on a level with the
free negroes, So I was told by a Kentuckian
yesterday - if this will not make
men fight they deserve a Surgeon
The Balance of Their Days