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to your wife & all our scribbles - to
Robert & Cynthia - to much love & love -
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Head-Quarters Dep't & Army of the Tennessee,

Infantry Regt Grand - Nov. 10 1864

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The Popmarts go north tomorrow - The Army
is in fine spirits having all read their papers.

And tonight we heard by telegraph that
Pres. Lincoln was selected - comprising all the
States except Kentucky - I wrote Belle &
Rowland a few days since & you two letters
before. I sent Mrs. Sibley \$500 - already
in bonds - This need not be known as
perhaps it is better to keep such things pri-
vate & Mrs. Sibley may prefer it. I think
he will do well by me always & can be
trusted. And Belle will not wish to be
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From: C. H. Howard

To: Mother

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Head-Quarters Dep't &
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Smyrna Camp Ground,
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Head-Quarters Dep't & Army of the Tennessee, [Letterhead]
Smyrna Camp Ground, Nov 10, 1864.

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Savannah
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[Note 1: The rumor of Jefferson Davis' death was not true. He died December 6, 1889.]