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Master Joseph Simmes,
St. Charles La.

Dear Joe

Your welcome favor of the 14th came duly to hand, I was glad to hear from home. But I was very sorry to hear of the small pox raging to such an extent in that country. I am also sorry to hear that you had not received the cloth that I sent, you must write soon inquiring about it for me, I will write to Mr. Simmes to know where he left it. I was at one of the grandest barbecues last Saturday that I ever saw. There was the largest crowd that I ever saw assembled together. The dinner was given to Gen. Hornum's Division and our Regt was invited to partake with them. We had a sham battle and many pretty maneuvers that you would have been glad to have seen. I may possibly get a few days in the course of next month. I do not know though now.

You must write soon.

Love to all both well

Your brother

James M. Simmes