You did not tell me how many cats you get at the River, I would like to know you had better let Mr. Colburn have the first one one time and have it done with. Unless one Doty wants your head to show next spring you can find some to the horses. You ask what to do with the horses, it is owing some to how much or how well your corn is coming in. I don't think it is best for you to keep many over the winter. It is possible there may be shock in the roads that would improve them so you could tell done for fresh mast, but just put up the largest last one to fat for yourself for you know I am fond of good fat. I wish you to tell Calvin and Seneca that I would write to them but I should only repeat what I write you and as I have not time to write to all, they will please excuse me by reading the letter I write to you. In my last letter I wrote concerning the loss of the 17th Regt. It proves to not be as bad as first reported but is very badly cut up. I suppose it must bother you very much to read my letters but you must endure patience and write soon.

Royal C. Potter