Brunswick June 21st 1844

Dear Margaret,

For the first time since our marriage I find myself able to address you by letter; I fear I shall not be able to stay half as much as you, as you will think, I might, yet I feel assured it will be no step backward, after I left you in the cabin I remained on board the boat, until the Carrying Baggage was shipped. Mr. Burr and myself then went ashore in the flat. I stayed with Mr. Burr that night & took breakfast in the morning, when I went to the wagons in the morning, I learned, the boat had some trouble in getting out from the landing; I do not, I am superstitious, yet when I reflected on Capt. L. Irod's assurances, on the river I felt a misgiving, that some accident had happened, I have at one time or another had some idea, that my fears were idle, at times, that you have not been with kind friends, I should feel more uneasy than I do, nor could, I have been overwrought by you leave hom, but for the abiding confidence that you would be benefited by doing so, and feeling assured that every attention necessary for your health & comfort would be the subject of the best of this lady, I need not remind you how necessary it is that you should strive to compose your minds, and keep cool under all circumstances. Be careful not to expose yourself in any way in all things conform strictly to the strict instructions under which you are to be conducted. I trust you will soon be restored to your wanted health and friends, at home, we are all getting along very well. Emily has moved
Up in to the Doctor's room with clip. She is much better, though she has changed the color, went from nights to day. She is getting free of her cold and does not cough as bad as when you left.

I believe Mary Ann have just left, Ann. They clip is going to be married there, Susie is the same old two bits. I had to whip him last night, for his impudence. I broke the bottle yesterday. I told his aunt En, there was no body here to see it now. Polly had a chill Friday afternoon, she did not move clip. That night. Very sick. Since, En thinks she would be better without her, than with them. She does not give milk enough for both the children.

I told them she must feed her more; as soon as clip gets free from the house, we had best wear her. She will be very troublesome. I have better health, Polly is now well. Her chill was slight. Produced from cold. We had an excellent sermon to day. Subject the confidence of God, after service the proceeding of the vigil on Blue Picture, was read from the pulpit or rather his excommunication. Dr. Yale was very much affected so much so, that it was with difficulty, he could read some portions of it. John Witheredpoon was present. I hope it may have a good effect upon him. The scene was solemn and impressive. So Yale's prayer. In conclusion, am not fail to be remembered by all. That were present it was. An appeal to the throne of grace for Blue. And for the Congregation, God grant, that it may be sanctified.
for the good of all presents it isston seen to the professor how careful should we be least we fall from our high calling.

Mrs Parnell has just called. She is very kind comes over every day. I saw Mr. Shackelford yesterday his wife is better though unable to help herself yet. Parson Slocum thro Hopo & Hutton will go down with William next trip.

The once wall of the academy, the old part, where the stairs goes up has fallen down in digging the basement of the new part. they dug under the wall, or close to it and did not build up to as to secure it. The basement is half full of water, the ground underneath soaked and give away. The School will be delayed in account of it. Some time they are going to work immediately will have it repaired soon.

Erie received a long letter from home yesterday from Dustin, it states Mrs. Thompson brings up the history of things from the 11th December until the 4th January it took one two hours to read it. Lusier said not expect any more letters from him.

Lusier is over ready. My sheet is nearly full. I am at my elbow asking questions faster than I can answer. Instructions to a closes make your self contented & spend for short time, give my respects to the God & lady- dig out. May God help preserve & protect you in the constant prayer.

Pah! Pah! Who am you writing to?

Pah! Lays. Live a long time longer.

I commend writing the same. (Write soon)

Your affectionate husband

W. B. Hardman
Greensburg. Dec 24th 1858

Dear Daughter,

Your kind and affectionate letter of the 18th was received last evening. As we have no service in our church this evening (Mr. Mitchell's sick) I have thought I could not better impress this time. There in my thoughts you I have your letter before me, and as I read, in my fancy I see it true you would, that it were not the pleasure of your imagination, you there is pleasure, unequalled, pleure in this illusion, no I will not call it an illusion, but though then not the voice nor the form I gave the pencil of the mind from which I am enabled to catch the burden, light of subject as it puts forth its playful effort to interest one, won it not for this, prevale of, almost daily correspondence with you, your separation would be intolerable, yet when I reflect upon the object.
already are privileged to enjoy the fruits of it, by the practical evidences of intellectual improvement, it must needs move to compensate for the pleasure of your presence with us. You have frequently expressed a wish that I would send your brother Henry; it would be pleasant. I know you while I can have him under the care of Mr. Letton, I shall not think of removing him until he is prepared for college. But were I placed in the same situation with him for a good school that I was with you, I should not hesitate to send him at once if I had the means to defray this expense which I trust a bountiful providence will extend to me. If a sufficiency should it be necessary for all of you; it is true that I gave utterance to some little expectation, as that I would never send another daughter from me to Dutchess on my return from Burlington but it is now
This is duty presents itself to my mind, I shall be prepared to make a like departure, for each of all of them, that I have for you. Nothing but this sense of duty to you, personally, to your absence could I have accomplished for you, all the advantages here that you enjoy, that or so I believe. Approaching it, I should not have thought of sending you from home, if I had not been, or could now do, much believe, will ever have been, do you see the prospects if we are spared and remain here, that they will all have to learn how to appreciate home by absence from it. You make a request that I am not now prepared to say you can or may do that is a visit from your aunt. Nothing would afford me more pleasure if circumstances will permit I will try to accomplish it. But there is time yet to determine.
You are now in the Great Metropolis of our free and happy country, oh! thus as a nation, our whole people could properly appreciate the riches they enjoy, that my mention acknowledge. The author of all, not how few comparatively live or act as if they were accountable beings. Lord may the people hasten to be wise! it is especially grant, we be able. Thus to my servant that instruction. Thus shall guide him to counsel wisely. Threaten who in the providence Tho. best appoint to him to near instruct, after my dear child is this petition official, and yet I feel that I am unequal to the task, for (as I remarked I think in a letter to your brother last week) The older I grow, or more I learn of mean things of the world by daily conversation with Thine. The ability have I to concentrate, carry my thoughts intelligently either
to myself, or those to whom I would address counsel or instruction. I was pleased to hear you speak of the arguments you had listened to. May I hope that you are now able to submit to divine grace, spiritually to discern and appropriate the rich provisions of the Lord? Do not let my dear child do not suffer your mind to become absorbed by many thousand novels that present themselves in the Bible that for this time you are far away. But give constant heed to duties for which you are there to attend. Let your whole study be to improve your opportunities for instruction, in Brussels, giving diligent attention to your practice which if you have not already you will soon acquire a fondness for that will make it a pleasure rather than task to attend to it at your leisure hours improve the time in suitable recreation, or reading or writing this last.
you should give special attention to it. It affords one great pleasure to me from the tenor of your letter that you write with ease; that is no accomplishment more to be desired than that of being able to happily and forcibly express our thoughts, in speaking or writing, to do either.

You must settle your fortune and train your mind by a constant application of the studies you are engaged in. Think the ground you in the principles on which the structure of your mind is to be formed. Could you realize what it costs me to write you a letter, you would then be able more satisfactorily to account for my anxiety. For you all to be well educated, without the privileges that you enjoy, could not have acquired the education I intend, proceeding as I have. You all shall have opportunities, but if I had seen...
had, some one when at your age to have counsel’d and upon me the necessity of these trainings my mind. Writing. I wish you been a far superior man intellectually to what I am. Confusion is the order of things in my head now as I attempt to write. If I may so express my ideas come crowding each other out of my head in such confusion that it is with difficulty I can arrange them intelligibly to myself or others. And I may desire to add what I have learned from this example than my dear child. To now, while the mind is active, o memory good to strengthen them. Thus, by diligent application to all the duties now incumbent on you to make yourself an accomplished Christian. Readily, do not think from any thing I have here said that I think there is any want of...
Attention, Jan, from it, yet I do wish you to think this is important for your future happiness. To be diligent now you mention that you had not yet seen any of Mr. Stiles's family but would next day at that time know you are in the City, if they give attention as I have no doubt they will kindly do, receive you as Miss Stirling directs whose advice and direction I wish you to be governed by. While in the City, well well my dear child, I think I am about to accomplish your desire on a letter of eight pages, you must mind the spelling and grammar which by the time accomplished, you will feel the profit of it at least.

We are all very well, at home and the plantation I have not called a fact. This summer my own health is better than it has been for twenty years. I am heavier than I ever was before, it is 100 clock and at the future cast page Good night my Guardian angels protect you and affectionate your father
G.D. Barrington Mississippi

Dear Wife,

I reached this place on last Saturday. I found May well, as I got off the cars a little boy recognized me. I said May she was looking for me. I walked on the platform and was waiting to attend to my baggage not expecting to see her until I reached the house. But she could not wait for this. Then before I was a cousin of hers, she threw her arms around me and kissed me. I came near him they are in love. There was a crowd around of them, seeming to rejoice with her. She was not bashful or as all she showed in giving attention to him. I lay out seeing men. I asked gypsy moon to leave then I could continue in a week. The weather...
has been cold & unpleasant most of last week. It is raining & drizzling so that we can not get out. I expect to remain somewhere up the country. This week with Margarets uncle so we will go to his lodging when I must spend a day or two. I feel anxious about home yet. I can not get my business up in New York so as to start home before the next as early as possible. I hope in it to start home as soon as to be with you. I will write you again when I know more definitely at what time I will leave. I have been very well all the time since I left home & lost in the memory of a kind Providence that
I am very well, as I hope. Margaret has improved in every way. She is well of heart, but there is nothing cross in her appearance. She and others have at times intercourse, but what is equally gratifying to me is the sure evidence of mental culture that will in the end more than compensate for the loss of her company at home.

She is constantly at church and I am sure enjoys herself as well as she could any place from here, yet after all, I trust that we will be able to educate the others at home, even if we cannot have the same advantages for them. It is the only way for me. Tell Master Tim to wait in a good bag, as it is 3. I will write to bring Mass -- is much
Please note the erasure.

I wrote 15 day to Mr. Wells about a memorial, tell them if he has not yet written, to note not to fail to do so at Princeton.
Greenboro Aug. 28/60

Dear daughter,

It is so long since I have written you that I fear you may have come to think that I am indifferent about you. I hope I did not make this letter as bad as I feel I should merit the conclusion, but that I feelusted to come never again from you. Come what will I have an abiding assurance of the affection of all my dear children and more than yourself. The absent are always present to my mind. Rest, absence only makes them more dear, nothing but our earnest desire to be present for your future happiness, prompted me to separate you from all that most interesting period of your
life nor can I hope to be completely satisfied for it in any other way than by the more perfect development of your mind than I believed could or would be attained here in this I feel assured I shall not be disappointed, I am aware that in some respects, your education is not as pleasant as you feel it might be under different circumstances. But these are overlooked and by the confidence I have in the parental care you receive at the hands of Mr. and for the time you have yet to remain the presence of Mrs. C. Otis Ames, and example I my best will add much to the advantages you have already richly profited by, you cannot enquire in each of all of your letters, when I shall be there, Nothing
Could afford me so much pleasure as to say I should, as you have hoped & expected, be there next month. But my dear child in this I now fear I from necessity shall have to disappoint you, when you left home I had not a doubt that I should do so. But circumstances now forbid it. I find myself embarrassed in my business & must necessarily leave husband every cent. I am through it depresses me. It seems to me I am finding life a pretty painful pleasure, of being with you again for a season. I feel bound to make the sacrifice. When I disposed of my interest in the store, I had no doubt of being able to meet all my engagements from @ collectors, but in this, I am disappointed. To add further...
To my embarrassment the crop is almost an entire failure. We had an unprecedented until August in June & July accompanied with the hottest weather I have ever experienced on the 27th July the rain commenced, flooding all of my bottom yellow cotton which was all planted to make much from. The ground had become so dry that the effect of the rain has due to reach most of the upland cotton, much of it looks as though a blight had fallen on it. The consequence will be that I can not make more than a third or half of a crop & that very indifferent you know I am not proud to complain, but now indeed things look gloomy, but
I try to bow in submission to the will of providence. It should matter or thankful. Never complaining, for I have a good Corn Crop. This will give us bread, which many of our people will have to buy. well I fear I have made you unhappy by my murmuring & misfortune. & within if I hear you ask what will you say to me about coming home, I will frankly say to you my daughter I scarcely know what to say. But this I will say do not be uneasy or uncomfortable about one, or yourself. make yourself content. I give all diligence to your studies your education must be
completed. I know of no place where home where altogether you can complete it as where you are. you are now old enough to reason + a little reflection will teach you that pleasure studies do not often meet or, if so much that is profited is sacrificed to it, do not profit from this. That I think you disposed to be not astray by it. far from it. I only mean to say that having progressed thus far under theledge work you could not receive the same benefit from another for the next year as you could from him. The two changes would be equal to a lot of half the time. make up your mind then to remain there continued
until you learn from me directly what course it is best for me to pursue. If in the providence of God it shall be my duty to call you home, I will give you timely notice, in the mean time my daughter permit me to urge upon you the necessity of a rigid economy. Practice it now to acquire a habit of it, without it you will be affairs nothing with it, you can adapt yourself to any position in life to fail constantly, for all your necessary wants I shall not fail to provide, write to me briefly and cheerfully & I will try to write you often, oh my dear child you know not what pleasure it will afford me to be able to accomplish my desire in your education.
give them your earnest attention, & improve your privilege that I may not be disappointed. They will return with Mr. Sexton, and meet you as far as I shall. I will be there for you, & I have no doubt you will then feel thankful you have remained for you are to come home. I should want you to go to Mr. Borne & this I am afraid would be disturbing but I am certain it is not as profitable.

Know my daughter, though I have written a long letter, you will find it is a cold lettering, yet I firmly hope not, but that you will rather reason as I do, that it is better now, to make the sacrifice & complete your education, than to return traveling.
The last part unclear. I will write to Henry in a day or two. You can claim of men sitting here, not a while has past without some of our working since he left. Tell him he must be a good boy to learn to love the art institute for if Lincoln is elected we shall all have to come here with his sister and we can't live here and then it is. Keep the contents of this letter to yourselves. Never say anyone else till they know my dear child.

Anne Adie.

PS I write with much affectionately and do not believe your father than with a pen.
Dear Sister,

Your last letter was received day before yesterday, and although a short one was very acceptable & interesting - I have not received any letters so much more regular at this place than at any other we have been stationed, that I would prefer to remain here, but our stay here is growing short - "beautifully like" every day - some of the Brigade having already taken their leave. But enough of that, for Government says home, folks, or outsiders, must know nothing of our movements. You may change the weather for this prompt reply to your letter - It has been raining all the morning and so giving us a short recess - undoubtedly much to our worthy Col's chagrin - who is passionately fond of drilling.

I mentioned that I was among the list of theInfantry down on the night of the battle - but not one succeeded until we were returning from the field - having marched between 16 & 21 miles in quick
sometimes double-quick time. It is very amusing to hear how lightly an unsophisticated individual speaks of our marches but one day's experience generally convinces them that it is not all an imaginary thing and soon now we grumble when we hear the word march—so it necessary involves loss of comfort and a great waste of many articles useful in camp. I thought I had written home about Linn's Rank in the Capture of the Vanke's dog—it is true—he was not the real captor—though he took the fellow's gun. He was acting Corporal on picket guard at the time—and was called by the sentries who had halted the enemy and compelled him to ground his arms—and Linn walked out secured his gun and marched him to the main body of the guard—Linn kept the dog at first, but finally gave him up to the sentinel. Those Newfoundland dogs which the enemy brought down with them have been quite notorious in camp—and the sight of one now causes no remark—the artillery being dog I so much more serious in importance have acting eclipsed all other species I should like ascending to witness the
tableaux - and I think the whole company would enjoy the sight of the young ladies left at home - at least I judge so from the rush they made for the road a few days ago to get sight of the lady passing in a buggy - a casual observer would have supposed that a lady was an unusual occurrence.

Tell Miss May that whenever I hear of her patriotic resolve, if coming on to nurse the sick soldiers, being carried out, I shall be taken violently ill - and be sent to the hospital - and moreover that I am anxious hoping that we shall be discharged from service before the 12th of Oct - if so I shall "hurry home" with all possible speed. Unless I hear that Mr. S., the widower, has supplanted me !!! If I hear that, I will most undoubted either enlist for the war, or commit some other "mucha to be lamented act" - however I'll wait for her note & tell you no more.

Our doctor & miss W.N. both being absent from camp, creates quite a stagnation in the life of our mess - and I wait very impatiently their return - Linn H. is expected every day - but the Corpse will be unfit for duty for some time yet - much to my synt-
He is improving however and is staying at a house in the country - where there are, I understand - some very pretty young ladies - since I heard that, I feel inclined to despair of his very speedy recovery at least sufficient to come to camp - I should like very much to be with you on the trip to Hayton - write me whether uncle Tom is in the army or at home - We are all in very good health and spirits - I speak of those in camp - and the cases of homesickness are less frequent than at first - we have however had one or two tolerably serious ones of late - but like at school it is unfair to tell tales - I won't mention names - Mr. Wood feel very much indebted to the ladies for their enacted efforts to prepare us for winter and if they especially the young ones, could hear the flattering remarks, I could discourse the much more flattering thoughts entertained of them, their visits would undoubtedly be pleased - They will probably be able to take their selections from the soldiers when they return, without meeting with a single negative response.

My love to all - I hope to receive your next letter soon.

Affectionately,

L. L. Boardman
Union Mills Aug 3rd 1863

Dear Father,

When I wrote you last I little thought that I should write again from this place—But we still remain—(not having found ourselves quite comfortable enough to be rustled yet—that being always a precursor of a march) although expecting daily orders to march. We have all just received Beacons—amidst having an opportunity of reading one—I shall drop my letter a few minutes, be the 3 you have not had one sent to me as I asked you! The Beacon has very little news this week, still, it is a satisfaction to see it, merely from the fact that it is from home. I am prone to think the idea that our boys are suffering from the want of clothing & shoes—this I can say is to a great extent a mistake—It is true that some may stand in need of a few things, But there is no such thing as destitution & suffering as any one following in the “wake” of one of
our marches would plainly see) - I am very much afraid that our kind friends at home - in their praiseworthy determination that we shall not want for any thing - will flood us with clothing that we will be unable to transport it – and they should remember that a soldier's only vehicle for transportation is his Pack. Col. Herr bought me an overcoat & jacket in Richmond - paying $25 for the two - and for which please pay him - I shall probably have one besides to pay for. He wrote me from Richmond that Caesar had disappeared, but he had found him.

We have been hearing during the past two days more news of the success of our army both in Missouri in the State a little north-west of us - but as at home, when to rely on reports - we know not. It is said that we captured 1600 of the enemy at Leesburg a few days ago - without any loss on our side - I hope it is true. We are all glad to hear that more recruits are on the way for us from old South - and we hope they may be able to endure the hardships as well as we have done. Our decks have nearly all returned to camp or绒绒.
has improved enough to be up. I wish pasteur are at a house about two miles
from camp - very comfortable located - and undoubtedly recovering - as S. Snips would
say - Mrs. Kendall ateps with them - The company will regret very much to see
him leave - and if solicitations will
avail any he will probably remain - he
can be of very essential service to us.
I can very well imagine what a stir
in our community, the arrival of
May 17th, "just from the seat of war," caused
having been with us, and near us, during
the long time that we have been in
danger. Our men suffered from their
advance - and are made to feel it every
time it rains - which 3 late
has been quite frequent. We had sent to
Richmond for a "90" to our tent - which
arrived at the station, about two miles
from our camp - the day before we re-
trated from the X roads- and we had
not tarried it to camps - the consequence
was that the enemy came in possession of
it - but we hope to recompense ourselves
from their stocks - the first opportunity we
have -
It will be a great pity that we move from
here as we are so well fixed the majority of our tents now having plank floors the only annoyance we have come in the way of flails and I never was as busy in my life besides being so bold that to get free of them we have almost to take hold of them. Our Co. for several days has been more afraid of his drills than at first and we are proportionately thankful and more prompt & willing when the calls come.

I hope you received my letter about sending a big mule team to send one of some one of our men to. I have no idea how I miss Caesar. It is a great pity the mules don't know how high they are prized.

We are having a little cool weather now the nights being particularly so but it is much more pleasant and much more healthy than that of a week ago. I never felt better in my life.

What progress the enemy are making in their overorganization I can't say as we hear from them only by occasional thundering I cannot.

My love to all.

Affectionately yours

L.H. Boardman
Dear Father,

I have not written as often to you in the last few days, as I wrote to both Sis and Harry, and I know all my letters are getting pretty at home. Nothing has occurred of interest on the lines here since I last wrote except a very daring reconnaissance of Gen. J. E. B. Stuart—of which you can see a leading account in the Richmond papers. It was truly a daring and important exploit—and may result in immense good to us here yet, in regard to information. Being drawn up in line of battle over four hours in becoming quite stale and disagreeable—but continues across the line.
I am sorry to say that the health of the Company is not as uniformly good as for some time past—still now are seriously sick.

If you think you will find it difficult to get one to substitute in Ala—write me what amount of funds you can raise—as one can be easily procured in Richmond. If you conclude it best to try Richmond, Uncle Joe or Mr. Parish could probably furnish you with the name of some person responsible, and what would be kind enough to attend to the employ, and notify one. It is a matter which has to be attended to promptly and carried through expeditiously. If attempted at all, as only one a month is allowed a Company. One was ordered in the Co. on the 14th last—Jumiliated.

Billy groove—being the second received. The first having left unanimously the
Some few days after I received your letter I am daily expecting another from you in regard to the matter.

The weather is becoming exceedingly warm here, rendering soldier's life any thing but comfortable, particularly while having bad water, as we have to drink.

When a general engagement will occur here it is impossible for any of us to say or know events their constantly tending to it, and it is hardly possible that two such armies as are here concentrated can remain confronting each other for a great length of time without coming to a final and decisive hours. But when it does come we may be confident that the Confederate army here collected will give a good account of itself. I have no doubt as to the result of the battle; and I think the Yankees have little themselves, or the affair would have been over long.
This is a wholesome dread of our men and distrust of themselves I think pervades their whole army; and all of Whipple's, owing dispatches and addresses cannot throw them up to the status he wishes, to quote him to march to Richmond. Our troops are in good spirits and confident of victory whenever the attack comes or is made. D Aaron's movements have become somewhat concealed, but not sufficiently for us to know definitely his doings. Still I have no fear but that Hallise will be soundly drilled at the proper time. 

My love to all.

[Signature]

[Initial]
5th Ala. Capt. S
Camp Near Richmond July 11th 1862

Dear Father,

Your letter of the 25th ult. was received yesterday during the fatigues of a seven days' march. Do let you of my having written a previous letter in regard to the matter of a substitute. That letter I have never received and the last had been delayed somewhat. I regret I have not received your first letter in regard to that matter because it has been a matter of great concern to me for some time, and is as still and has been considered in every imaginable view with the advantages and disadvantages to accompany the change and I admit as you say, that there are some consequences attending such a change, which demand serious and careful reflection. But as I said above I had fully weighed all matters before I
wrote to you on the subject—

knowing that you would certainly 
counsel a second thought—but as I had not considered 
the disadvantages which you presented, I must say that I 
am still unchanged on this subject, and if possible shall 
have this arm of the slave 

cowardly of the scorners of 
creation, who unjustly 

couraged us to conceal their own 

It also allows us to be influenced 
by the scorners of that class of 
persons, to show ourselves 

of proper self-respect and an 
independent spirit—I would 
not have you think that I 
entirely disowned that class, but 
I would not allow myself to 
be swayed or influenced by their 
scorner. One must have 
done wrong for such men, 

for any other reason than 
selfish or uninterested motives. But 
should not be scourged & thrust 
down. I have been willing to 

am still willing to pay almost any price for the substitute. This I would like, of course, to get him as cheap as possible. Our chances however are rather slim, however I feel I must write to you on the subject. The Government has forbidden the issuing of unnaturalized papers as substitutes, and as you say Mr. Jeffries is trying to supply two to from the first cause. I shall probably have to close the whole thing. But from the delay which must ensue if Mr. Jeffries succeeds, I am not being allowed to a compromis. When we could introduce him.

Either the failure of war or foreign intervention may render it unnecessary to get one. Still if Mr. Jeffries does not succeed, as you can find out from him, and if you can procure one, then, send a telegram and I would prefer to have the latter of course as soon as possible. This will
pretend to sufficient on the subject arose and my present answer for all because I am fearful that we will be unable to get our
Mr. Sheldon has reached us and delivered your message but the extract of your letter of the 25th uncle had received him in the trouble. Down the date of my letter you will see that we are again near Richmond having withdrawn from the immediate Jackson of the enemy with the loss of one of our gunboats was in a state of though crippled condition. He has thus been oblivious to hard fighting since their only with an intense loss of men and boats stores of all kinds and munitions of war. Our own loss has been very great indeed but the enemy has been greatly surprised by our entrance and has
ing gone to a safe position, we have with drawn - either to induce him to follow, or to prosecute aggressive movement, I am at a loss which I hope the middle alternative will present itself and bring satisfaction to both parties. As I am confident it will.

That however is a delusion which we have hugged to our hearts the troops past only to be disappointed in, for one to grasp it over though the army has been and is very favorable to such an action.

All I know in camp, some think I believe, are well. Our wounded, with one or two exceptions, are infirm. Since I last wrote you C. Jeffers has lost a portion of his leg by amputation. He is in more than ordinary, which I last wrote you, but have since been told - and both men severely wounded, the latter
wound is very dangerous, and
may prove mortal, but I
hope not. I believe wounded
but only slightly. I hear P. Emmett
is safe. Tell Father, wife
and mother that he is well.
Keep as a safe distance away,
but is very kind of the army.
I shall write soon for several reasons. I
suppose—
My love to all. Write soon.

Alf. J. D.

P.S. Please send any note
when convenient. The earliest of
which would be a great comfort.

L.L. D.
Dear Father

I hardly know what to write this morning. My uncle habit of writing to you at a stated time has however become so fixed, that when that time arrives I almost unconsciously find myself making preparations for that purpose. I should postpone writing now, did I not know that since the old express wagon left "All well" would be welcome, and give you some satisfaction. We are occupying the same apathetic position, as when I wrote you last; lying in wait, it seems to me, for the enemy to recruit and fill up his decimated ranks.

Our experience are worse however, to be disturbed: as we have orders this morning to be in readiness to move. But whether or not one knows it may prove at length as many other such orders have, nowhere and we remain another month or more in utter idleness, save drilling and occasional picket.
To our great delight the weather has changed from an excessively hot temperature, to a somewhat cool and bracing one similar to our weather along the coast of September. And that reminds me of a dear position at not receiving any missive upon the arrival of Major Williams. I hope some one will be coming soon, by whom you will be able to receive it. It is now getting time that several of our wounded should return, and I hope to go some of them every week. Nothing interesting has occurred on the hills around Richmond since my last. All things seem leading toward a severe engagement between Jackson & Pope. God grant that Jackson may again be victorious. All as well. My love to all-

Affs Pr Str

Lt. H. Braddock
Camp near Richmond Aug 17th

[Handwritten letter]

I was today communicated to you the intelligence of a victory by a portion of Jackson's forces over a portion of the William Repeal. The capture of one Big Lee and other commissioned officers besides three hundred privates. But I congratulate you upon the fact that these officers have received a portion of the treatment threatened them by our worthy executioner. They, the captured officers were sent to Gordonsville hand-cuffed, while the privates have been treated as prisoners of war. This is reflecting discomfiture where it is due—where the faithful and voluntary assistants of the in his subversive policy of destroing of their property. These sympathizers who may be within his lines—while those compelled by fear or illness to cooperate in the work of destruction are treated with leniency. A few weeks will show whether we shall be compelled to suffer privation in like manner with the officers. I hope that this partial success of Jackson's is only the prelude to a complete victory over the whole force confronting him, and trust that with his present force, and the reinforcements on their way to him, he may be able to clear a clear way, and carry the war with accompanying
hand into the enemy's control, and make
them feel with all its vigor the policy which
they have chosen to adopt towards us.

The time for leniency and mercy to a relentless
foe, it seems to me, is past; and the time
has arrived when we should meet fire with
fire - torture with torture - and if necessary
the complete devastation of whatever portion
of the enemy's territory may fall into our
possession, in return for the wrongs
inflicted upon our innocent and unfor-
scending (save the fact of sympathizing
with us), citizens. Our enemy has ignored
the rules of civilized warfare, and shall
we maintain them in contending with
an unsympathetic and merciless foe? Every
job in our nature says No. But it is not
necessary that I should declare these things
to you. I have no doubt but you will re-
price with me at any measure which
our Government adopt to diminish the
effects of these inhuman invasions of
our territory.

Our Company was made glad a few days ago
by the return of one of its members, who has
been spending the last three months in
Bombay. The news that the Yankees have constructed for the special
benefit of the Confederate prisoners. He
was captured on the retreat from Yorktown.
His name is Morrison; he was enlisting at
Mountainside, when we left home, and being
very ill, he was unable to keep up with the rest of us,
and consequent fall into the hands of
the enemy. All the exchanged prisoners for
the same account of their treatment while
present, and it reflects no credit upon
the humanity of our fore-
time intelligence from Jackson's command
in connection with the news of his late victory
events seem just tending to a general
engagement, and I trust his usual
success will attend him. If stripped
in this attempt, I think the enemy will
abandon the idea of obtaining possession
of Richmond for some time to come.
The news from Europe indicates to my
mind, that we have, by our own exertions,
to bring this war to a close. And, if he will
be good for our Gov't's people to look at
it in that light, and act accordingly.
Foreign intervention is a delusion which
has well-nigh proved fatal to us already;
and until the reality comes, it behooves us
to remain of the same character. Well, I
conclude this is enough war talk for the
present.

All are well in the company, I believe.
John Locke has been discharged from
the service. I have his discharge in
my possession, signed by Gen. Lee,
and have written him to come after it, as
I am fearful it will not reach him
if sent by mail. So the Col's hunt & may
remain all unaccomplished. On that account
he is once more a free man, a very
curable position to hold.
I must here beg you again to send me my uniform & boots by the earliest possible opportunity - I have been compelled to buy a pair of shoes in Richmond, and what price do you suppose I had to pay? Eighteen dollars for those, which you & I used to open our eyes at when asked four for! Common shoes are asked thirty & forty dollars for now. So from this you can judge what extortion is practiced upon our soldiers in our capital - and what our necessities must be when we pay. I can assure you necessity compelled me to buy the shoes or I should never have done so - for that I could not appreciate the value of money when I left home. I now have the highest appreciation for the materials even to shoes - and hold on to it as long as possible. All clothing has been taken from the immediate line by the strong party in the neighborhood of Gordovaile. So that nothing must be expected to occur here again. We are all very quiet as camp - drilling now - I am still attached from the company - and growing fat as fast as possible under the circumstances. Wrote more than ever before in my life - My love to all.

Affectionately,

[Signature]

[Name] Boardman
Dear Father,

We are still remaining in Selma just having an exceedingly dull time. Our Camp during the last few days has been surrounded by several ambushed & several small rooms which seemed to me most reliable were the most discouraging. I speak of the news of our defeat at Corinth, and in account of the ignorance of the dispatches we are under the impression that our army has been badly whipped there. Our Punishment of course under the circumstances is contemplated upon my part all now think he has been overcautious and since I believe would adopt the Yankee proclamation in such cases as his just now. I hoped that when the facts became fully known the affair would not be so disastrous as we now imagine it to be. We are all of us unusually curious to know the full truth of the affair as such a defeat will more endanger our homes than in other sections. But here we are in an almost isolated position seldom receiving a paper, and when received so old as to neither confirm or contradict the current reports. And we consequently consider a stay in this region by no means desirable and are determined, however to be moved to

[Signature]

[Date]
to R.R. Connection. We have the report from Northern papers, and confirmed gossip from friends, that Genl. Johnston has been in Kentucky. If we considerable commotion among our Southern neighbors, our neighbors being a good man, I'll move it and join them in a taste general of all the wonderful and daring. We have obtained, or the report says, with his face to the clock, and also hearing in charge several prominent citizens of that State, Stewart's advance has begun. Since the beginning of the war, a man in his trip to Kingman, near was followed by our forces, movement, leading the forces victorious around Richmond. Also his trip to Pope's war was followed about the victory at Manassas. Whether this last expedition will be successful we do not know. It is a question if it will be accomplished all that was intended, and that it will not be pursued on account of the lateness of the season and the difficulty of obtaining transportation supplies upon which an expedition depends. To keep our army supplied with provisions, even here is a matter of great difficulty, owing to the thorough manner in which the Yankees stripped the country of everything on which to subsist an army, when they were compelled to retreat. The weather is becoming quite cool at night and morning, and I am fearful that the fall rains will come, which will add inconvenience to our already great difficulties and discomfort. We have at last received word, indirectly, from...
Our Captured Canadians - the only information is that they are members of the 6th Ala Regt. who were captured on 14th. Nov. at Richmont at Camps Lee or parole. Other companies have heard directly from some of their members there. So that we firmly believe that our members are also there - if there some of them have not written home before this, and you know, how much more than I above them. Then at least, I think, about the 14th. They have been placed at Camps Lee, near the CJ, to await an exchange which I presume will take place at once. I hope come, if not all of them will be able to visit home. I know, certainly, but it is hard to estimate. Our army is just running a regular one in discipline and administration and in that you know a subordinate officer on a private is not at a premium. It is much stronger now than when we entered Maryland, and if it had been as strong then as it is now - I have no idea we should have ever fallen back on this side of the river. Gen. Lee says in his address that we repulsed, in every attack on the 17th. Vel. at least three times our own numbers. Showing very conclusively that the evil of straggling was all that prevented our gaining a decisive victory on that day. We hear nothing now of the whereabouts of the enemy - not knowing even whether they have crossed the river or not as yet; it is supposed however that they have now very great force. It is certain that as soon as they do Jackson will do his part to know something about them, and as we are in his Corps, it is so
practicable that when necessary we also will know something about them. As it is however we are guess making on our most having it seems for them to take the initiative in the moment. Our greatest need here is provisions—shoes and provisions—but the latter are held in much smaller estimation. That if provided the two former. No great noise will be made about them.

We have about thing medicines of the Co present all, with one or two exceptions, in good health.

Write soon. My love to all.

Aff. yr. Sd.

[Signature]

P.S. I close this letter thus abruptly to see if I can get something in the mail and have from the Quartermaster. Also
Near Brunker's Mill Oct 7th 1862.

Dear Father,

As I have to-day an opportunity of sending a letter direct to you, I had, and being uncertain whether my last few have ever reached you or not, I shall avail myself of it, though nothing of interest has occurred. We have maneuvered at this point now for near two weeks, occupied the most part of a soldier's life, drilling, and are becoming somewhat tired of it already; still not anxious to be disclosed to the Yankees. As to their whereabouts, I can tell you nothing, not having heard of them crossing the river in any considerable force; since they were driven back to Alexandria by Col. Will. I shall send this letter to Jesse Bell, who, in account of some physical indisposition has not been accorded into service, will carry me on his return home this evening. In case of accident, I will have mention again what I have written several times before. Send my love to all at the first opportunity to write me letters from home. As to the rest of it; my crooked to vertigo as that when necessary, I can and need not, write. Ellens left for Richmond several days ago; promised on her return to bring my clothing with him; thus saving one considerable trouble.

We have not as yet been able to hear a word from the boys, who are taken prisoner, and I fear...
Now of these may have met with a worse fate, though I cannot designate any individual and sincere hope my fears may prove groundless. Say nothing about this as it may unnecessarily increase anxiety. According to the report, the exchange may, of course, should have heard some thing of them before this, and I am at a loss to know why we have not. However, I hope we will not be heard from but all these affairs. We have had an addition to the company. Perhaps he has been forced to leave, at his own solicitation, join the 11th reg. to our company. You can let his mother know. But he has or will very likely write to her. And as we are almost strangers in intercourse, it might be well to say nothing of it. If War Water goes home, he is now off sick. You probably can get him to bring me my shawl.

We have not having delightful weather, and all are in good health.

I have been no estimate placed upon the loss of either army during the recent engagements, but as the enemy had a much superior force engaged, their loss must have been considerable. The report was read to us yesterday from the Lee, highly complimenting the troops for their good conduct, and stating that his force was only about one third of the enemy's. In the engagements. It is some a deserved tribute, but many, a great many, should have some other distinguishing marks. But it is almost impossible to single out any instances without wounding some good will feelings, and it is therefore best to leave each to his own reflections and allow.
To take as much of the compliments to himself as he thinks his due. My prospects of getting a position below that of a commissioned officer in either the Commissary or Quartermaster's Department have been completed frustrated by an order from the Adjutant's Office in Richmond - for sending me further the detailing of colored men in those Departments. So I have concluded to rest as contented as possible as high private in the Greensboro Guards. So there is no use in making any farther attempts at present to get out of it. But I must acknowledge - it is no desirable position. I sincerely hope that we will not have to remain much longer in service though I have no grounds for such hopes - as present events by no means indicate a cessation of hostilities. And vain hopes have been our bane already too much - to say too much on them - I have nothing of interest to write and have already written out a lot of nonsense which will be calculated more to bore than interest your love to all. Write a line letters to Richmond stating Regt & Brigade so they will reach me.

Aff & Son

L. H. Boardman
P.S. Fayette sends his love to his wife & mother. He is very ill but dreadfully house-sick. A disease which prevails in the Camp now. His case is so severe that I expect I shall have to administer some potent medicines. She does not suffer. I remit thirty-five (35$) dollars for him. Five for his mother & the rest for his wife. Please deliver it.

Aff. 23. Jan. 1818
Rivira, Ill. Nov. 22, 1862

Dear Father,

Since my last to you our patience and endurance have been tried very severely in a few hours after I closed my last letter the order to take actions was received so that we were off that night cooking. Next morning we started in March, no one knew where about daylight in the direction of Charleston, the place memo- 

rite of the trials of conviction and execution of John Brown and distant about eight miles from Harpers Ferry. When we arrived in about thirty miles of the place we saw turned off upon the P.R. R.
ordred to attack arms and to demolish Bead Road which we did to the extent of at least two miles. That was accomplished in a short time, we then waited about two hours and received an order to take our places in cauts about dark. We did it reluctantly, I can assure you, as we even then my kind, having marched about twelve miles had come up about two miles of R.R. Tracks. However we were facilitated formed and started off again. Marched through Charleston and on to within four miles of Harper's Ferry and ordered to tear up the R.R. Tracks again. We were engaged in that work for the out of the night, and now there is any little of the Harper's Ferry and Winchester R.R. left. So you all know what I have said. That we marched over living miles destroyed several miles of R.R. Tracks, with no sleep during the time and my little to eat. Can you judge how amusing.
must have been our disposition on the next morning. This was all done in less than thirty-six hours. Our whole brigade was engaged in it, but I suppose my what our own brigade did.

We started one day and night near
Charleston, and were started off
yesterday morning and after
marching about twelve miles
reached this place, which as
the heading of my letter will
show you. I know not when
to locate. We are however some
what to the North-east of Michael
and between it and Charleston
I think. This is the first time
during all our travels that I
have been completely ignorant
as to our Geographical position
and this time I am wholly
so. This portion of county known
is the richest portion of Va.
that we have yet seen and
as a grain-growing country should
always be held by our troops. To sup
provision and forage
would more than repay the form
ment for all expense incurred in its defense. I hope that what I said in my last letter will not cause you any anxiety or deter you from coming. If it was your intention to do so, it would be well, however, to wait until the moon nears some R.C. as you would not be able to walk from the R.C. to where we are—and it is impossible to obtain a means of return unless one buys a horse. I think we shall soon fall back to some R.C. Road, and as fact, if we go into winter quarters we will be compelled to have some such transportation. After operations I think it will soon cease on this side unless the weather continues mild. The health of the R.C. company is very good. My name was much talked of. I am well in all. With love, 

Ally D. Son

La. W. Cordran.
My dear Sister,

Your letter containing the truly sad and unfortunate intelligence of Henry's Capture was received a few days ago. I should, on account of his health and youth, have greatly preferred to have heard of his being wounded, but still do not regard his misfortune as gloomily as you indicate that another a yourself do. It is true that the life of a prisoner in the hands of our vile enemy is hard and cruel, filled with suffering and outrage, but still the extreme cases of the latter are rare, and as the prisoners, I think, have been sent to New Orleans, we have good reason to hope that he and the others will meet with some assistance and comforts from our esteemed friends in that city to be sent them so far better than to be placed in their miserable dungeon farther North. This being our first misfortune since the war, attributable to it directly, let us bear up as cheerfully as we can, hoping that public opinion may soon drive the Yankee nation to a recognition of the exchange so that he may soon be restored to us in safety. With the good clothing which you say he has, it is not probable that he will suffer much in that climate. Let us firmly trust...
that he who alone can will shield him from sickness. His falling into the enemy's hands may be a providential preservation from a worse fate, let us hope for the best. I hope you have not carried out your intention of soliciting favors from the Bedzicks & dought. You know my own & also Nevis's opinion of the former & I know he would not wish you or anyone else to ask aid for him from that source. As to dought, he was kind to Alford Ward through personal feelings alone, having been a warm friend of his, and it is hardly possible that we would act towards any one else as he did toward Alford. It is asking of a stranger and at least an enemy. Mrs. William & Mr. Murray I know would render him all the assistance in their power and then would be no impelement in asking it at their hands. I wish you to let me know immediately, when you find out to what point he has been sent. If North, I will write to Mr. Murray myself. I hope we may soon hear positively his destination, though I think the persons have been sent to St. Louis, and our anxiety be somewhat relieved. It seems as if misfortunes never come singly, as I had hardly heard of our own personal disaster in the capture of Newburg before the news of the fall of Atlanta came in. I will be a great blow.
not absolutely cut off from home. Still our chief direct route is in the hands of the enemy. This is the greatest misfortune that has happened to our armies since the campaign began, and is particularly disastrous at the present time. In giving encouragement to the enemy's hopes of eventual success in Ga. It is to be seriously hoped that this will be only a temporary success, that our Hood will soon make them repent of their daring. But for fear of accidents, let me make some personal mention. Will Father to be sure to send me my coat & some money before the Yankees cut me off entirely. I am in no means low spirits on account of this unfortunate affair, but believe that the farther they penetrate into our country the greater will be their disaster. But may be you say, ‘So you have said all the time, some time before they reached Atlanta’. That is true, but I still hold to my belief that they will be eventually defeated. Though they have achieved more than I anticipated, could our Hood succeed in routing them in the course of a few weeks. I have strong hopes that this will be that last campaign of the war, which has been so devoutly prayed for. And I still hope that though dissensions among themselves, if not pronouncing on our part, that we will still hope for the time which
will send a shill of joy to every heart on the continent except the few Abolition officials whose existence almost depends on its continuance.

The weather here is fast becoming cool, rendering five by no means uncomfortable, especially on damp days. My misfortune is that my winter clothing was deposited with others when we passed through Staunton—but I have no fear but that I will be comfortable.

My love to Cousin May. Tell her I have by no means forgotten her. I hope she may soon have the pleasure of meeting her again. I have not heard of any thing of interest since he was captured. I have no news to give in regard to our little army in the Valley except that it is between Winchester and the Potomac and keeps the Yankees in a state of wholesome dread, and am ready at any time to give them substantial encouragement.

I am able for this once to comply with your request for papers. My love to all.

Aff to Brother.

Oct 13th.

P.S. Won't fail to let me know immediately on any news hearing from Henry.
Camp near Spanish Fort on Eastern Shore  
Mar. 23rd, 1863

My dear mother,

Since I last told you we have been transferred from Mobile to the Eastern Shore, for the purpose of holding back the 1st Brigade of possible. We have landed twelve thousand men down below here, about fifteen miles. We were preparing to advance over this place, Jackson's La. 4 Brigade, 1st Georgia's Ala. 1 Brigade. One Regt. forms our Brigade (the 21st Ala.) 2nd Artillery. Ambrose says Col. many's Regt. in all about five thousand (3,000 men). In the force sent down to hold this place. These men will not make a stand here, but only hold the enemy in check until enough troops come to be transferred to hold them to make a successful stand. Before this time must wish we will have had a bloody fight over here. I trust a glorious victory. She will not attempt to hold this place I think, because the Yankees can flank us here and cut us off from all communication with the upper country. The fight will take place if any does come off. It is likely a place die [sic]
Miles in the rear of this Post, I hope I may
get there in safety, but God only knows and
I will be. Uncle Joe's Pigs has been overcrowded
with the citizens for two or three days past.
If he is well it I hope to see him in a few days.
I suppose you have heard by this steam our
Regiment has been brigaded from the Reserve to the
regular service. We are now the 62nd Regt. 5th Ala
Vol. Thomas' Brigade, Army of the Gulf, and future
you will direct your letters to that way. By the
by speaking of letters reminds me that I have
been here from five weeks at a bright letter
has reached my sight; yet, just like those love
dear, loving, affectionate sisters of mine (I mean
Laura, Margaret). The two that are big enough
to make letters) that I have dropped their cor-
respondence altogether until they answer those
half dozen letters I have written them. After 10
are answered, I shall write five (3) whole weeks
before I can de-ceive to write them a single line
if the Yankees don't knock my chance back in
the meantime.
I wrote you about a week ago to send me a 30d
some money by Smith Powell. I hope you got
the letter, and I'm sure I send it if not 30. so
The first opportunity, as I am on great
and of both, Dick is too small for a march.
we have got a map of itself to disrend.
I still I must close now. My love to all a

I will with a plan in a few days I provide the
Billy and to let me above
Office for our
Henry Brandon and
Camp Batary, July 27th

My Dear Sister,

I write your kind & interesting letter last Wednesday. This is the first opportunity of writing that has presented itself since. Our duty was heavy, and that we have little or no time for writing. We will be relieved this week, while I will be able to write.

Please write to me, for nothing offends me greater pleasure than writing.

You must not discontinue writing as we regularly go in and out because it does not write. The Laura is it is about time she was writing to me.

The Inspector sent on Gen. Magraine's staff again to inspect our Company this morning at 12 o'clock. But any new presents a very busy scene. Some are combing their beards, others digging stumps, stretching tents, drying my clothes, &c. &c. All seem
to bear at sometimes. The Capt wants his Company to present as good an appearance as possible so we may be noticed off. They are now organizing Companies of 85 men each. This is to do the Reserve Duty in this place. When they are organized we will be ordered back to Selma or up on the railroad. There we will be in striking distance of that Old R. R. The Prairie Coloney, with the ones in authority, are expecting raids from the Prairie country in the Mind of the State this summer for the purpose of destroying the corn crops. They want all of the Reserve Corps (except 17-18 there to prevent them). Lane very anxious for the time to come when we will be ordered back for they are very anxious for the time to come when we will be ordered to go. They are not feeding us down their according to my notion of things. I dont get as much meat here as we did at Selma. Our
Mrs. Tuck's meat was due some time during the week, but no meat was called for. I have been compelled to buy it, for I can't afford to draw too heavily on my "money left," to suit a poor man like myself.

Mrs. Tuck lives in the city and have been staying with her. I have called on her twice already and am going to call again this evening. Miss Tuck has taken a great interest in her future son-in-law (which is perfectly natural). She told me the other day if I should be taken, while in captivity, she would never forgive me. Of course I said I would. I was only tempted to report on the sick.
Blancy will be down the last of this week or the first of next I wish you would let Father know that I can't buy them stamps at all of thin.

I have seen Hub in Greensboro I can't get away from me as I seem since I can't play.
Camp Batty 8 Aug 25th /4

My Dear Sister,

Your last letter was duly received last Saturday morning while I was preparing to attend a dinner party given us by Mrs. Wellton. There was some for the young ladies there we enjoyed ourselves magnificently, I believe I enjoyed the dinner more than I did the ladies’ company. You will know I had a nice time when I tell you that Mrs. Saltie Nicklin was among the guests present, I have called on her three or four times already, but to
go there again tomorrow evening by hand not on duty I am not sure. I ran over a cafe at a cafe. If license did not cost so much it had money enough to buy one. I would bring you home a nice sitter when I turn on just enough I wonder I will have to wait until after this war when things get cheaper or he must pay $5 increased. Aunt Addie D. Brand arrived in the city on the boat this morning but has not yet made his appearance in camp. He came down on the boat with aunt Kristin this
"darse" that a very fast and true with shine at dawn. He sent out to camps for Capt. King this morning to go & talk on the old stuff with him. They are going to try at the new order us back to our Battalion. Hope they will succeed for if we stay here much longer I think we will all die. Twenty-two men from our Company are in the Hospital now with fever. None are seriously ill. Lieut. Dunnill said I believe Luke Dick yesterday.
Morning went to the Hos.
pital in the evening. I hope he will not be deeply ill. He only had a slight fever yesterday. Don’t let Mrs. Tunstall know about it for the world if he gets any worse. I will write.

Then, the nurs has just called me to take charge of a patient and I am compelled to close. Excuse the hurriedness in the last line. I will write more later.

Your office, B.r

Sincerely

P.S. I will write to father sometime this week.
Dear daughter,

I have not seen Mr. Nelson, but I hear that he will leave this evening for New Orleans. Hardy will be here on Sunday, and Anna has ordered some to be here today. Last I saw him, he was well, but I hear nothing of you. A letter will reach you as soon as possible.

At the plantation, I arrived safe and sound, Wednesday night without any accident. I found all well but Henry, who is congesting a cold. The health of the village is better than when we left but I fear the constant rain and warm weather will produce sickness again. It has caused almost daily illness in camp and still continues to do so. Its effect may be to produce sickness again, but hope not.
I was truly glad to read your letter, let us hope to trust it is an account of returning good health, for which let us all be mindful. Of the source from whom all our blessings flow, we are in the hands of a merciful God who does not afflict his children, but for a purpose to their good. As though we had not comprehended his reasons, we should not distrust, or murmur at his dispensations, for we know that all things shall work together for good to those who truly love and serve him. That you may continue to improve, as permitted to return to us with renewed strength is our constant prayer. I have not heard a word from your brother since I returned, but full assured he is well.

Aunt Wane, Millson from N.C. is at your cousin Bettie. I called to see the old lady yesterday, she is 
A pleasant intelligent lady of
the old school and middle class of
society always the best. This
will remain when sometimes she
is anxious to tell all the children
yourself particularly your cousins.
I think are absent, as will usually.
Mr. is well & the Parson also.

A word now as to your return
you will find no difficulty in
coming at Blue Mountain if
the stage runs there before the
train, you will have to go to a
house about a hundred yards from
the road; where you can have a good
bed to rest on till the train starts.

At Selma you had best remain
until you write to us, that you
brother or myself may meet you
unless you must with company
you feel safe with, be sure to write
that we may know when you
start from there your expenses to
Est home will be about $45.00 dollars. I mention this that you may have of the little means you have. Be sure to make your calculation so as not to be out of your bond is $0.75 for one month from the time we arrived there, you have 15 or 20 dollars over what is necessary to pay the way home. But be sure to have a surplus if possible. I am sorry I have not the means to help you. There a month longer, but it is useless to complain about things we have no power to avert. These trials may yet work to thank for our good. That God in His mercy may so direct things at as even pace. To His kind care we commend you trusting knowing we may soon again together. May His blessing be upon you.

Affectionately,

John H. Stern
Chantilly July 25th 1876

Dear Sush,

Many temporos for not answering your kind letter long before this, but as I promised to send you my photographs when I am well I have been writing anxiously to get it, which I did only yesterday evening send it one unhealthy stamp lap + see if you can't take the original of it off for a blue grape plantation — he is for sale, but the one must be a high one. It matters not how old or ugly the way may be or that her coffins are well filled with the chieft yenning boys. But why should I write foolish things when I will know that so long as Mrs. A. resides there to her beloved faith I would not remove her burial for that of a stranger were she as wealthy as as Caesar I could rival in beauty as Venus.

By the way Ylip & Co has been patiently waiting for that promised letter from you — I told Laura to deliver your message in regard to it to you — did she do so? She did not go to Alabama as she is...
spected when you left her. Further news of
Geili's dress. Treated me with paralysis.
She has given up her seat entirely and
Laura to send me Dayton. I write her & tell her last week on Monday
Brother to still wish us he expects
to leave next saturday.
My craft prospects are good. I am at
present. Cotton promises a fine yield-
and this unit of land will yield enough
trees the plantation another year.
Worms is almost destroyed or at least
wants so it is so fine that I never go
due in the day and
Lunt Forest is pruning his R. R. this
year hope soon to have it at 4. It is
planted to within three miles of town.
They are laying the track this side
of the county the new for they have
reached I don't know. I think it poss-
able that the track may come here by
the first of October.
The weather so far has been very uncom-
placent - real hot. There is a good deal
of broom in town - thru the vicinity-
the matching Jenkins that I have to.
Our family all continue to remain well.
my own health was never better than I
are happier than when you left.

The regulars are having a full time
of it here accommodating themselves. Kerr
and each other. They were shot last
week. They made an attack in Sandy
Charles last Friday night and several
knives into his hand but death of
Kerrig the next noon and killed
Walt Fox. The bullet passed thru
his head and passing her five time on
both sides cutting her tongue loose.
Had they killed him no one would
have cared, but everyone regrets that
she should have the bullet. She is still
alive. Her friends are uncertain
of her final recovery.

Well I believe I have written you all
the news. So will have to close.

Tell a lady where when I wrote to give
her best love to you. Much love.

To Love Bros

Henry
Dear Daughter,

Do Henry has left a page blank. I cannot say what or what else to say.

I know not what to do, but what I attempt to write anything about the case of legal complaints to the Court, the record of cases, and Capias, etc., as well as Henry says longing all well, but says the case of the horse at the time of the trial, the court is good. I am to pay to go to one of Capt. Tandy, Tandy. Tandy to me says you may judge that all are in good condition indeed my dear friend never better for which time Henry says the place is clear with it, with our neighbors.

He says the attempt to shoot at Tandy. Last Friday night his house was fired but not done in the church to kill him. The horse was bewitched by the woodsman with a bullet shot him on the jaw. Passing through, what a ball struck him on the jaw passing through. On first the horse the head, and another horse, but now have people she made recover. The Degowen for the death of 13 at their head and again asking the police and Colburn.

Old Lang and Sue Greer, also work well in the farm, and I shall never be returning if we have money to continue or repairs. Between this and the rest, that the white people are indifferent and that is going on better soon. I begin or soon.

We are father to the lady, in the office. As there, I will wait on her to come and all regard Aunt Lucy's injuries I only say it was not long well done, as there, it will wait on the letter. And...
Greenbush, Oct. 17, 1873.

Dear Sister,

As Kate has given me a letter to write for my composition, I will answer your kind letter. I was very much obliged to you, for the rice candy you sent me. Tommie enjoyed his too, said his auntie in Selma sent it to him. Millie Lancaster has got the diphtheria, she is very sick. Mr. Freeson has been very sick, he is better to day. Rite now, myself have got two such pretty nippers
But give it name Clark. My name is Name Spot. Fayette goes to school to the Academy. We don't come home earlier than dinner, so we don't have much time to play. We are going to Mount Airy tomorrow. Sammie sent me a big basket of hickory nuts yesterday. Didn't know I was going to give Emma some for the birds. Dick can sing now, I must do now. As Fayette wants me to come tomorrow. Write to me soon.

Your affectionate little brother.
Grasshoppers, March 8th 1874

Dear Daughter,

Your kind & affectionate letter was not last night I should not have been able to write again before you leave for home. I trespass on the tabu of writing in haste last I wrote you something I hardly know what or whether it was legible. for it was done just before 1 of the post written when I could not see to read it. England I sent you, your Aunt's letter that I know was a treat to you; it will compensate for it. I cannot cease to be thankful. That your curiosity, or rather I should say your warm Christian heart, prompted you to seek them out. Language would fail to express my feelings when I read it for days and nights after. I was living over the scenes of my early life in my native home, in my letter to her. I gave her a synopsis of all the principal incidents of my life since I last read them.
and requested that in the answer, that she would do the same. Briefly, she has done so. I say briefly, because I wrote 13 pages, without perhaps giving any clearer view of the situation than she has done. It is a source of infinite pleasure to know that she together with her family & Boston with his are all in such comfortable circumstances. Oh! if in the good providence of God I were able, what pleasure it would afford one, to visit them. I see the beautiful scenery as I left it; how I would rejoice to see it in the improved condition. Whether I shall ever be able to do so, is doubted yet I shall ever live with the hope while life lasts, that I may do so. I should be denied the pleasure I once had some one or all may be permitted to do so. I feel my dear child that you have felt neglectful; I ought to have written to you. I only delayed it because I had not the means. As soon as I denied. I wrote this week had not the power of leaving it. While it was humiliating to me, it was ought to prosper that you called on me to furnish you.
Greensboro March 7th

Dear Son,

Under these circumstances it would seem unnecessary for me to write, as your sister will have told all you better than I can. Express to her that can be of interest to you of home and its surroundings; but I feel that Conway is her home without leaving a word more from me to you. My long & unanswerable they look in waiting to you in, and that even be a source of painful regret. My only apology was the thought that the constant receipt of your letter to your sisters in reply to theirs to you kept up a weekly communication. And my aversion to letter writing for the poverty of language.
express my ideas and feelings as I would like to be able to do; and more.

My dear boy in your affection what can I say to make amends.

Can I not ask that you will not attribute it to indifference? No, no.

This surely can have no abiding place in your thoughts; though about you were even with me and the fond hope of again meeting you has been a comfort to me. I now when I learn of your continued illness. To feel that in the providence of God I may in this life never again be permitted to do so. Is this your feeling that I have no language to express. I can but hope that the returning Spring and Summer may be accompanied with renewed health and strength, but if it is otherwise ordered as you intimated in your last letters you fear
May be, oh let nothing of pain
self sufficiency, lead you to
neglect that preparation the
lessons of your youth, instruct
you were indispensable, to in a well grounded
hope of future happiness, now in
the day of trial, some affliction
commit yourself to the energy
of a merciful God, who alone
has power, to save and who
will not turn a deaf ear to
the cries of his suffering child
screw, was it possible I should
have been with you on the
first start of your being along
tozey sold, but the hard hand
of adversity, has robbed of the
means of doing as my heart
would dictate, I can but
submit this to the painful
necessity of being deprived
of doing so, knowing it belongs
that it is the will of God.
That I shall never again be permitted to worship you on earth; that the hour cannot be long before I must be taken by the grace of God and there be permitted to meet the dear ones gone before, where there shall be no more parting for ever. May God in his mercy bring you up to prepare you for a joyful meeting with all of his transpired children. It is the journey of your Affectionate Father.
Dayton Jan 21

Dear Margaret,

Do not you will be surprised to hear from me still at this place. Laura had a letter from home this evening. She says from it that you think I have gone home, as I came through Marion last Thursday night. I requested Tommy Cabin to drop you a note that I would return on Saturday and for you and the children to meet me at the depot. Little did I expect to find my partner in such suffering as she was after the birth of the baby. She had several letters from home and one from Dora, saying she was getting on the well. I would have come down a week sooner but Dora had a chill and I was afraid to leave home and afraid to take her with me.

Jane Akers was married on Tuesday morning as you already knew. I met them at Townsend on the way to Noble and New Orleans. Women with the courage to take one out home he told me. Laura was just as well and was suffering with her breast but hopes it would not pass anything serious. I found her with high fever and suffering intensely with her breast. She was trying to defend in getting up on Saturday or the extreme hot weather. I am unable to judge at least. I must say I fear it was imminent in her to get up. But Akers assures me she had never saw one get on better than she did for ten days. As far as I see she has had
every care and attention, and I believe the very best of medical
attention. Though neither Mrs. Askew nor myself agreed with the
Dr. in the treatment of his breast, I think I have seen in
my confinement, any breast to look as much like rising as mine
did the day I got here two or three times, and I did think
with proper treatment it might possibly be arrested, but I knew
the Kendrick acted consecutively in what he did, and had
to come to our mode of treatment at last, but it was too
late to arrest the rising. I was very much afraid that she
was going to have Pneumia or Child-bed fever for several days
after I got here. The Dr. told me he did not see how she could
escape fever; she had none now for several days
but has suffered so much with her breast I don't see how
she could stand it if she had both to contend with.

When I left home I expected to find her doing well and intend
to stay but a few days, as it is very inconvenient for one to be
from home as you well know, and I did not come prepared
to stay, but I have Buddly with me and my constant dread that
he will get sick. He has improved astonishingly since the
day I got here, he is a little sick from getting very cold
the ride from Rensselaer and there was dreadful cold the worst
part of the trip. On the day after I got here I asked Warren
to write for one to Mr. Boardman and take him her condition
and that I did not know when I would be home. Laura had
to letter from Tom this morning, which says they had received
Warren's letter, but I judge he did not tell them how sick
Laura was. I have written to them to sight Warren says he
will send this and your Par Letter to Rensselaer and Clinton.
Dear Margaret,

I wrote the first part of this letter below Twelve and Ten O’clock Wednesday night to be sent to Townsend but my fear of her being too much ill I could not get time to finish it. I wrote to Mr. Boardman at the same time I expected to go home last Wednesday but when I went I say anything about going home it would disturb her too much. The Dr. thought her Breast would be ready to come Thursday evening and she would be so much relieved that I could leave her Saturday and came prepared to do so but he says it will not be ripe for several days yet. At my request he brought her Wife with him to spare me from that painful exertion. Oh if I could suffer for her I would not only willingly let her suffering be done to last night she suffered more than any time since I came. Miss B. and myself took off both her arms and she went from the Dr. at two o’clock the morning he was very sick himself and could not come out sent a dose of Powder to give her which quieted her and gave her the only rest she has had for twenty-four hours. I am in her room alone tonight except an old graying nurse about as big as an Elephant that makes the house shake all over when she walks and Laura grows when ever she comes in the room but she will be very, will to rock the crib. I have eat but one meal at the table since I have been here they send my meals to Laura’s room which I am very thankful for as I have been polishing and greasing the Irapet. I do not make a very genteel appearance. I am thankful that same and her
party have not returned. They looked for them tomorrow. I have told you nothing about the baby yet, he is nearly a very pretty baby and they all seem to be very fond of it. Particularly Miss A. I must close on Laura is getting restless. I am writing behind her on my table the floor with the lamp by my side. She asked me just now what I was doing. I told her I was writing. She said she knew I had not been and I asked her to listen to my message. I had like to have forgotten to tell you that Laura received your letter today. I am very much troubled to hear the news from home about your money. I am very sorry it was not at home. I very much dread the consequences if her going home and yet it may be a restraint on them. Knowing the treatment of her being made public. It would seem that I ought to have had any opinion on the man as a lunatic; but how could I not? And she certainly could have the child from his will. The baby has just died. I must take him. I fear he will disturb Laura. I think I will live through Marion Monday evening if Laura does not get a great deal worse. I must go home then. If I have to return. I was very much troubled to try to hear that the scarlet fever had broken out in the Sunday and that one of the boarders had died. I hope you may be able to read this letter but don't. You and the children try and meet me Monday at the depot. I am very much disappointed that I could not go to Moscow love to Sarah and a show for Grandpa Boston.
Greenboro Aug.

Dear Mozart,

I received your and Sarah's letters yesterday and assure you are glad to hear from you and that you are having a pleasant time in the great City of Berlin.

I am sorry to hear that Laura has been home sick though nothing more than I expected she would.

I hope you will not think of coming home on your account, not that I am not anxious to see you or be glad to have you home but for the benefit of your own health and the pleasure it would be to you to remain with your brother the short time he has to stay in Selma, for I infer from your letter that he intends leaving for Mobile soon.

Laura will have an opportunity
of coming up with Mrs. Carson
who is borrowing evening which we think
she had better do. And let me
bug you again: not to let her
influence you to come home
if you think your health is imper-
and you are enjoying yourself
and your Aunt Brother and
all are anxious to have you
remain, which we doubt thing
will do.

I hope you were not disappointed
by any not sending the game
you left for me to have finished
for you. I finished it myself
on Monday and had it ready
to send as you directed.
but your Father object to sending
it by them, and have had no
opportunity since that I have
known of. I intended to have
the & Mrs. Franklin to spend part of
last week with us but was too unwell
myself to have company. My love to
all. Your affectionate, Mother.
Dearest Laura,

I have but a few lines to you a few lines. I sent Mrs. Tharp the Peaches you wished me to send her. Mrs. Tharp and Lou Dott were very ill last week. Pat and Lena went up to see them once or twice last week, I have not heard from them to day. I suppose they are better. I think you had better come home with us. Of course I do not know when you will have another opportunity, but am perfectly willing for you to stay if you can be contented. I could not get the money to send down to you to get my Bonnet, but the sister I tried to get her silk sack sent up from her was last week but could see any one from there would love me sent it down to her. May Love to Aunt I Brother Willy Affectionately yours.
Dear Sisters,

You see I am a Cousin Better, stayed at my

mights. She is quite sick, but will

Better. This morning Mr. Somer-

by leaves in a few minutes.

So I have only written a copy to

wrote the house to an nothing.

from Henry, house and the 2

Three letters from James. In his

first he says. The details are mean-

have been written by the doctor

to appear. He hopes you are healthy

commit to me always. If you shall

she will like to go back to the

banks, he is talking about

a cavalry company. I do not think it

will meet the three way. I am left

last Sunday night. The boat arrives

it is believed that all traffic is not

as he has not been heard from

other battles. William Baker, has had

his arm amputated to the shoulder.

He now sits at home. Wishing you been sitting
up every other night with littleJimmyCazen. He was
クラス will not, but you lost
actually week I Plattsburg N.Y.
her breaking the time in
two places I do not think he
was possibly recorded.
As regards your coming home
I can only say I wish you were
here and if you are sure
May is coming next week after
that I believe I will not come
for you to be such a long time
that I have not been feeling if you
want to come let me know of the
beginning of the week and we will
begin for you if May is not
coming then others let me
know. I expect to bring you
home. How many things have you left?
Give love to...Affectionately
Audrey
GREENSBORO DEPT. Sept. 6th

Dear Daughter,

Your kind affectionate letter was duly received, as has been your letters to Custer, and we are very to you. It is so long since I have seen you, and to write a letter other than from them pertaining to the duties of the office. I have at a loss never to commence or shall to day, dear. I have now for the girls have anticipations event with this, some of them will be sending one filled with all that care incense you. Well, we the Mamma is nearly finished, in a cozy house its will be our own, clean our we are all well, in the town of Corning a good deal of sickness, but as you, but few
of white persons, the crops & cotton both connection will be much improved. Yet I think we will have a good average of cotton & much one in corn. That is to say in late years you spoke at the table a few evening before you left house of sleeping in Ohio to see your aunt; at the time I wrote a reply but intended to talk with you about it before you left but forgot it. We have been, or I have been careless about keeping up correspondence. If I think ten or more years since you and I have written. If your aunt is still living I hope you can express or leave the means to write to her. I know it would be gratifying to her to see you. I sincerely would be glad to have you see her. If you think of calling write to know if she is still in residence so that may not be the appointed. While I have said nothing about it, I have fondly indulged the hope that as soon as the
Mr. was completed I would take you if possible. See or Son and visit them and once more look at the old familiar
land marks of my birth place & cannot not give up the hopes of doing so next year if spared nothing could afford me
more pleasure. Even though I should send no one to recognize or remember
me than walk over the grove on which I played in my youth. the
old school house church and the
grave yard where I should the remains of many of not all those I
once familiarly knew, few if any
are living that were there when I last
was.

Will come at the Office
the lantern. I will post
be so kind as not to get them
leave you to imagine whatever
I could say—save that all are
well at home & all blessed, yesterday
Affectionately yours
من یاد می‌آید که برای اکثر افراد، پیشنهاداتی در مورد این موضوع وجود ندارد. بنابراین، این موضوع را می‌تواند به‌طور کلی بررسی شود. به طور کلی، این موضوع را می‌تواند به‌طور کلی بررسی شود.

با سپاس،
[نام]
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