

unfounded and every thing seeming quiet
at school at home and in my situation I will
find every thing as it is at the school
and the old help which I am
in find you, giving the usual for eggs, greens
fruit at "Abundant" by a good appetite as usual
the old regimen which opened
and shut three times regularly with
usual, and three regimens could be seen
regularly. The balance

Wrote to me soon, minutes long
B. W. Chapman, } Camp near Jackson Miss.
Co. D. 3rd Reg. } September 3rd 1862
U.S.A.

My dear Sister
This morning I am in a good humor
and very unusual with me for some time, and as
it will be fine and ink before me, smoking my cigar,
I can't help thinking of bygone days, in spite of
the utter hopefulness of their usual for the present
at last, I think I have taken ^{up} pen to write you
a few lines, it is hard to think of anything that
would interest you, beyond the mere fact of hearing
from a brother, who I still flatter myself
is thought of occasionally at home.

Since we have been parted off and
I have got some clothes, I feel quite like a new
being, if you had seen me in a wick eye having
my clothes full of patches and holes, with long
hair and a face looking toward you, you would not
have known me and with my skin turned to the color

of a Negro I am sure you would not
have owned me as your brother. We are
a hard looking crowd, we wear no fine clothes
or gold lace, but carry good rifles and are pretty
well ^{learned in} ~~tragedies~~ us ^{them}, as the two battles we
have been in have shown. We are unaccustomed
to luxuries of any kind, we have never been in Europe
since we have been in the service, and consequently
know nothing about any other life but camp life,
in which there are many hardships to be endured
that one comfortably at home by the fire side can
never imagine. This is the first time since we
I have been in the army, that we have not
been in front of the enemy, and I have seized
the opportunity of getting a transfer to Virginia
with eagerness. - I have written to ^{Mr} ~~Mr~~ ^{Wells}
on the subject asking his advice, and am
anxiously awaiting an answer every day.

But whether that letter will remain un-
answered like the others I write to him, time
will only prove.

Consider what another thinks now of the chance
of the south, since our victories in Virginia and
Kentucky. You must not certainly have heard
of them before this letter reaches you, and no matter
how much distorted by the northern press they will
begeth' making a favourable impression for our cause
on the public in Europe. How it has changed since
of ^{the} taking Richmond our army is ^{now} but a few miles
from Washington, the report is that our guns are
the city from Belmont Heights. Oh! what I was
under such Generals as Lee and Jackson and in
Virginia, I hope however that that time will
yet come, when I can be in the ranks fighting
in that good old state I claim as my own.

From the looks of things, judging by
the occasional news we get, there will
soon be a revolution all through Italy, and
Europe with his partisans, ^{many} ~~some~~ ^{some} ~~some~~
any thing but a safe retreat for you all.
I hope all my fears on the subject ^{will} ~~will~~ ^{will} ~~will~~

engagement - not as it is in the north of sickly inter-
 tation, patrian - I may be too old to see the work
 even fairly begun - but you and your brother may
 do more - aid in its advancement with credit to
 your country and to yourselves. It is a consolation
 to my heart that he has now taken the right view
 of his patriotic obligations - and this sooner he has
 been making like any man - The heat scarcely let
 an hour of day light during the season - If you
 could only be by his side now! - But I trust you
 yet may be before a great while - Whence you
 can do so, in the only way I am sure you will - by
 an honorable release from the obligation you have
 assumed - come back at once - If you do not
 wish to go to W. Y. (and I have no special desire that
 you should do so, beyond that you will find
 means provided there for you) - I am sure that you
 will find no difficulty in obtaining all you re-
 quire from the friend referred to ^{to their families} - or from
 W. Locks - as it can be repaid here - or from
 W. Rose - as I understand he has occasion for re-
 mathematics to Europe - In Engl^d you will be
 at no loss - or Paris either - In W. Y. Mr. Kemble, Mr.
 Ludlow, Guider any of them are ready - and will
 look out for you - and would gladly aid you fly-
 ing back to Paris, if they could - You find lectures
 now dispensed of every book, reason to a great extent - and
 all you left finished could have been used ten times
 over - especially the costume subjects - Mother and
 Sister will both write to you by Saturday's mail -
 and I ask too if he comes in in time from Xenia - which
 we expect - when they will give you all current
 news - We shall send our letters by different ways
 hereafter - in hope that some at least may reach
 you - We are in the midst of some excitement here
 just now - as Garibaldi is ^{in the} ~~in the~~ Paris with
 a large army for Italy - with a great and - we
 will expect to see -

Mrs. Bishop has gone to Chicago -
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To Conrad W. Chapman
 3rd Kentucky Reg^t Consp^t D.
 C. S. A.

Rome 135 Via del Babuino
 Aug 26/62

My dear Cony,
 I should have known we have at last
 news from you - Your letter dated July 1. at Vicksburg
 came a week ago - and yesterday we received your
 letter from Memphis to Mary, mother and me, of the
 26th April - forwarded by our kind friend Mr. Rose
 with a most cordial and friendly one from him
 also - I wish that I could give to this the spirit
 of electric messages, that it might reach
 me at once - It has been most fortunate that
 yours of 1st July got to us before that from Mem-
 phis - it has much comforted the distress we all
 feel to know of your suffering - If you only
 could have known what white you will at
 Atlanta, that at Athens resides one of the
 dearest friends we have in the world "Cousin
 Maria" - late Whitehead and recently mar-
 ried to Mr. Asbury Stuart - She would have
 come to you as a mother, and taken you
 to her home and heard as one - and then,
 at Brandon, Mississippi, reside almost all
 the relations of my father that are in existence
 my own cousins - the Rev. G. Thurston and the
 Hon. J. Thorton - with their families - with
 them my relations here will be alone of
 kind - but of the warmest affection - Thus
 too you would have found with home and
 hearty love to you - You not hearing from
 Mr. Yeatman I suspect to be caused by
 your not spelling his name rightly when
 you wrote to him - Your letter to Mr.
 Wise - was received, as I am informed by

my mother while he was ill - and knowing the interest they
would be to her - he sent them to her - but they were unfortunately
sadly lost, together with your address, etc. - Your grandmother
was at that time at Middleburg Va within the Confederate
lines. As soon as he was able to attend to any thing Mr Wise wrote
to your grandmother for your address - informing her that he
should immediately write to you and desire you to converse
him in Va. - But as your letters, both to him and your grand-
mother, were lost in some way - they could not communi-
cate with you - I doubt if any of my letters have ever
reached either Mr Wise or Mr Yeatman - although I have known
that those which I wrote to both, and sent by the same
route, ~~with~~ at the same time with the one of 22nd Dec. which
you received may have done so. - I did not hear from
your grandmother for more than a year in any way
- she is now in Wash^g - but will as soon as possible, I can
ever, make an effort to get to Athens in Georgia - to be
with Mr Hull - Where, my dear Coony, you will, under
any circumstances that may bring you within reach
of it, ever find a welcome - I have written to Mr Hull
to let him know of you - but do not wait to hear from him
- for you know by sad experience the uncertainty of
letters to the C. S. - Write to her at once and let her know
all about yourself - with the caution you must write
to your mother you may do so - also to the Thoinsons
at Brandon - You need have no hesitation in apply-
ing to the gentleman mentioned by Mr Locke for any aid
you may require - His family are here and he is him-
self a ~~first~~ ^{first} time since. I had an understanding with
him - and any pecuniary assistance he may render
you I can repay wherever he is - The same can be
done with regard to Mr Locke.

The long interval between your letters of 2nd Nov. and 1st July
- has been full of the most intense anxiety on your account
- I have tried every means to hear of you - and the first that
was successful only reached us a fortnight since - It came
through your friend, the Taylor of New York - and derived
some information obtained from a Confederate prisoner at
Sandusky City (the brother of the major of your Reg.) - the most

was your letter of 1st July - and yesterday that of the 21st of
at Memphis (to your sister, with illustrations). The letter
enclosed ^{to} De Vivier has not as yet come to hand - The sketches
you sent to sister give us all great satisfaction - and es-
pecially to our Hold to you and, my dear Coony, - for
by that you may make a name lasting and honorable
mark in the world than by any other application of
your capacity - and serve your country by honorable
distinction before the world - I need to hear of I could
send you the sketch book and pencils at once - all in
the studio if I had a chance - We will see if you
cannot get something to serve - Let Mr Hull or the
Thoinsons know you want - and, if the Confederate
State can supply them, you will at once have them
sent -

I pray God that this war will
shortly be at end - and that you may be honorably
relieved from your obligations of service therein - Where
ever you can be - come back to Rome at once - it
is not only the place of your home - but the field, not
of all the world, for the cultivation of your talents -
- I may have taken from your professional studies at
this period of your life I consider an abuse of
the powerful endowment that God has bestowed upon
you - to say nothing of the risk of life and health
that you incur - I give you all credit, my dear
Coony for your patriotic impulses - but I cannot
but deplore the self sacrifice they lead you to -
- There are more ways than the battle field, in which
to serve our country - There are hundreds of
thousands equally if not more capable of service
in that respect than yourself - and I doubt if
there is one other, in the whole Confederate States,
that possesses the capacity ^{that you have} of high and honor-
able achievement in the arts - that are to come here
after with their healing, purifying influence to wipe
the deplorable traces of this deplorable ^{war} ~~war~~ ^{war} ~~war~~
ful on your part. I can fancy in the South a field
for art - that never has existed in America - a field

Rome 135 Babuins.

3 Oct. 1862

My dear Coony-

We have all written to you long letters lately - by various routes - but I cannot let pass the occasion presented by the kindness of W. B. Cumberger or of Charleston to bear a line to you - If it be only to let you know that we are all well, it will be I am sure a comfort to you - Every thing goes on with us as usual. The last letter we received from you was dated at Abbeville Miss. (June 26th) although one from Vicksburg 1st July - came a day or two before. The letter to your sister from Memphis with the sketches we received shortly after through the kindness of Mr. Rose - We are anxiously on the look out for news of you - I hope you have by this time been placed in communication with our friend Leathin - and also our relations Mrs. Asbury Hull at Athens in Georgia and Dr. J. B. E. Thoman at Brandon Miss. as well as Mr. Yeatman -

Mr. Conrad W. Chapman

3 of New York Reg. Cont. D.

C. J. D. A.

My dear Cousin, After writing to you here every day, I now have the privilege of addressing to the same address a letter to you from your father's school. I trust I shall see you in safety - I need not tell you I have taken the liberty of sending it. So write to me soon & tell me all that concerns you. When you write to your parents ^{try to} make it all I can for you, with the greatest pleasure. Give them my warm love. Affectionately yours
 Wm. C. Chase
 Oct. 1st 1862

- Anxiously do we watch the current of events
in America in the hope of a dawn of hope
of a conclusion of this terrible war - and with
it the prospect of your being on your way
back to Rome. Until then we shall never
know a trappy moment. There is
work for you to accomplish here - not
only for your own, but your country's
honour, that you ought to be about.

- You did not rightly judge of the true di-
rection of service to your country - so try to
rectify your mistake, whenever you can
be honourably released from the obligations
you have assumed.

Your friends are constant in their enqui-
ries about you. The Frenchmen come about
as usual. Cousin wrote by your last mail
also Daaken. They want you back.

Jack gets on famously with his work
and has improved more than you
can imagine. He was for a good
part of this summer at Rome. He
went into thought lessons of

our troubles. There has been a good
deal of excitement here about Garibaldi's
attempt at revolution - but it is over -
and it is said that he is going to Ameri-
ca to take sides with the North. The
Italians express much surprise at
it - Some of his friends think he is mad
and all deplore his purpose. The King
of Rome are charmed at it. There
is nothing new since we wrote. Annette
was married on Sunday to Farina.

- Do my dear Coony have no oppor-
tunity of writing to us - if not a line
it will bear careful note it. We
console ourselves with the hope that
matters will ere long assume a favo-
rable turn with the fortunes of the South.
The impressions on this side the water
seem almost universal that they must
-- Hoping soon to be cheered with good news
of you with our united love believe me
as ever affectionately -

Your father

My dear Coony-

15th Nov 1862

Mother has I am sure given you all the news of us, but I cannot let her letter go without expressing the gratification your last (dated at Jackson Miss.) has afforded us all - at the same time that we so deeply sympathize in your hardships and perils - I never anticipated, my dear boy, that such would ever be your fate - and that my concluding anticipations of you in a far different field - one to which I have felt so surely that you were destined by Providence to a successful and honorable position in the world - were to be concluded as they are now - Still, however, not without the hope that you may yet be spared to us - even to your peaceful pursuits - and that we may be able to look back upon our present anxieties and constant heart-troubles on your account - as a terrible dream of the past - to be forgotten in the reality of a happier future -

I intended to write to our friend William by today's mail - to thank him for his affectionate note - which I received together with your letter - It will be indeed a relief to us to know that you are nearer than to whom you may be taken - but my greatest comfort in your transfer to Virginia - will be in the feeling - that with God's blessing - it may be a more honorable -

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remembred with reproach - But my dear boy - what grieved me most was the thought of your having so completely forgotten your duty to yourself - I can't blame the hot-headed and hot blooded boy Coony - for going off "after yankies" - but I do blame him for talking with him Coony the painter, away from his studies and his position - and making him sacrifice so precious a period of his life - in ways for which I do not believe God ever intended him to follow - It is no use telling me that Coony the painter - can learn a great deal from Coony the soldier - It may be so - but he may be paying too dearly for it - and it is very soon that the bitter anxiety we have all endured would make out a palpable balance against the military coony - At all events - Coony the painter ought to be satisfied by this time - and the best that he can do - is to come back to his old place as soon as possible - and hang up his knapsack - and set to work to prove that he can be and is a better man - by all odds - not only for himself - but for his country's honor than Coony the "grey" with - could ever be -

There are the considerations that have, just after many a hard struggle with his inclinations - and an exercise of moral courage that I scarcely gave him credit for - but your

brother from following you - He told me frankly
when we heard from you at Paris, and you persevere
that he should do so - I only asked of him not
to do so without my knowledge, which was all
the promise I exacted of him - He went on
with his work as usual - but spent all his ev-
nings drilling under an old French sergeant, we
knew to any one at home but myself - Thus
he gained time for reflection - and the conclusion
has done honour to his heart - as well as just
comprehension of the right - Had he known
you - God only knows what would have
been the consequences but all -

- There is one subject, my dear Cony, upon which
I have thought so much that I do not know if
I have ever mentioned it to you in my letters -
- Would all our anxieties about you - I have
felt fortified in the hope that your temperate
habits - would be a safeguard against the many
evils to which a camp life is liable - especially
in regard to your health - Let me trust that
you persevere in them - and hope that you
have been able to resist the temptations of
American association in this respect - I know
what it is full well - but still I have felt
a confidence in your discretion that has given
me little fear for you - Hold to your former
habits, my dear Cony, they are a life's value
to you - Do not fail to write as often
as you can - and all that you can about you
self - as ever affectionately
Y^r father.

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I have written several letters to Mr Wm Lundy,
and by means which I hope will prove successful
in their reaching him - You must not, my
dear Cony - consider him in the light of a stran-
ger to you - but as one upon whose advice you
can in all respects rely - as nearer to you, in
affection than any one beyond your home -
- I know he will do all in his power for you
well being - even as he would to his own son,
- and I trust he will see the reality of your posi-
tion - whatever may be your own impressions thereof
in the light that I do - as do all of your true
friends every where - and that you will abide by
his counsel - as I shall feel assured you would
have done - had you have given me an oppor-
tunity to have discussed as seriously - as the
matter merited - your going to America -

- Not that I cannot accord by you - all the
credit that is due to your patriotic impulses -
and high sense of duty that you owe your
country - It is very possible, under similar
circumstances, I should have been, at your
time of life, as unable to resist my irregularities as
you have been - and equally to have avoided
all restraint upon their gratification - therefore
I cannot, as I really do not, blame you -
- You certainly out-generalled us all - in many
respects - than expecting your progress - for in
the way you did so - you left nothing to be

friends desire you alone from your professional
 studies and pursuits - one would from your oblige-
 tions - we can easily find a way to old Rome again -
 - If you cannot come by N.Y. - you may be a safe
 remittance to some of our friends in the north
 who have their families in Rome ^{and in Europe} - then money
 by the way of Nassau & England - even if captured
 in running the blockade - they would only take
 you into a northern port - which would be an evil
 on your way - At Charleston or Savannah you
 would know where to go to whom to apply without
 hesitation - Of course you are at full liberty to
 use both mine and your brother's credit to our
 utmost capacity - to get you over more on this
 side - Only let us get hold of you - and if we
 don't work it out of you it will not be our
 fault - Give what I have said to you, my
 dear Corry - serious thought - and God grant
 that whatever may come of it - it may be as much
 for your good as it is intended. The impres-
 sion is universal in Europe that this deplorable
 war cannot endure much longer - whatever the
 governments may do - or rather, not do - there
 is not one opinion and desire among all civilized
 nations - The North held out here awhile a-
 gainst us - from an influence that was increased here
 under northern interferences - but they have all come over
 especially since their emancipation position - The
 letters that accompany this will give you all the
 news of Rome - and of S. B. Babuino - I am every day
 sending out our greatest exertions to communicate with
 Dr. Freeman - you should have written to him again
 and might have done so - we are ever to collect

Bill (his stop father) in East York - He says he has got your letter - or you must have it -
 My dear Corry -
 I have got your letter - or you must have it -
 My dear Corry -
 I have got your letter - or you must have it -

Rome 138 Via del Babuino. Nov. 8. 1862

My dear Corry,
 Just as I was mailing my letter
 last Saturday - your letter of 8th of Sept. (P.M. Paducah & W. Hill)
 reached us - affording a relief and gratification that you
 can well imagine, as we had not heard of, or from you,
 since your letter of 1st July (P.M. Cairo) - This, with the
 one forwarded by W. Rose are all the letters that have yet
 reached us - We have constantly written to you by
 every promising way of Paducah & W. Hill, but, I fear, our let-
 ters have been in vain - Let us hope for better success -
 - I think there are some, now far on their way - that you
 cannot fail to receive, unless diverted from their di-
 rection by the uncertainty of your whereabouts - or the
 irregularities of the mails in the C.S. - I know that sev-
 eral of our friends who are in the C.S. have written to
 you - The miscarriage of our letters to you has been most
 unfortunate - for I find you have been to several places
 where I had friends or relations that would have
 received you with the most sincere affection - only
 to think that your last letter is dated at Jackson -
 Miss. - so near to Brandon - where reside almost all the
 relations on my father's side, that one here - and they are
 just the sort of people that you would delight to meet
 - and who would receive you with an affection that would
 cheer your heart - I have written to Dr. Thornton, on Sat-
 urday 23rd of August, and if my letter reached here he will

not fail to find you out. I have also written to Messrs
Asbury & Hill (late Mr. Crooke) at Athens. This I
have told you in previous letters - but I am so anxious
for you to be placed in communication with them that
I repeat the information. I received a letter last
month from your friend J. S. ... He was with his
brother at Montreal - having been obliged to leave home
in consequence of their opinions. He says they had
to choose between a federal union and secession. To the
kindness of his family we are indebted for the forwarding
of letters to you - which I hope you will receive - and also
for the first information we received of you after your
letter of Nov. of last year.

You say much truly, my dear Coory - all may have
been for the best - that you did not go to Virginia - and
on account but with sincere thankfulness to God's
Providence - that has spared you, through the hardships
and perils you have gone through - and I trust that
throughout your life you will never cease to feel the
debt of gratitude you owe to Him. I should you
succeeded in obtaining a passage to Virginia - your
friend Father will no doubt communicate to you
the purport of my letters to him in regard to my
current wishes in your account - and equally, I
am sure will aid you to the utmost in his power - in
realizing my hopes that you will not only feel that
I am right in my opinions of the true duty line of
duty you owe to your country, as well as to yourself
- and to those whose happiness depend so much upon
you - but avail yourself of all honorable means of a
return to the prosecution of your professional studies
- I feel very in the assurance that you will do nothing
that you do not see cause in, and I can safely trust

before you in business of importance and character,
in all respects, but, my dear Coory, give my opinion
more value than the weight of a father's parental
affection - it is not meant to be that of all who
know you - and can appreciate your capacity
for high achievement in your profession - You
have taken from your life already more than a
year of precious value to you - yet it may not only
be still saved, but turned to inestimable advantage
by a prompt appropriation of the rare opportunity
it must have given you for observation and familiar-
ity with several and objects which cannot have
failed to have impressed themselves upon you, in
a way than no one but an artist can receive such
impressions, and none but an artist can realize
and perpetuate - You now stand far and long
enough from the direct path that you have been
endowed by Heaven with singular capacity to
pursue with honor and success - Therefore, my
dear Coory - whenever you can do so - return to
it - You can soon make up your lee-way -
and Rome's the place to do it in - your feet is
where you left it - and with God's blessing
you will find us all as you left us - ready
even to do all we can to send and keep you onward -
- What how is it to be done? First there must be
the will and desire of your own - There are many
see if we cannot get for you an honorable return
for the balance of your debts - Both Mr. and Mrs. J. S.
and I can do what they can - and I think
and many more - in the C. B. some of the
him has since you left - and greatly,

you can - Apart from the relief they afford to the
 enduring anxiety on your account they are of
 intense interest to us all - Now mind I mean
 your letters - I can make them out very well
 - and copy them out fairly, for the comfort of
 your mother and some few of our friends who are
 deeply interested in all that concerns you -
 - Every thing is very quiet here - The French seem to have
 quietly settled themselves down for many a long day
 yet - The rail road to Naples is open, and the cars
 run from the Station at the Piazza di Termini -
 Crawford's Studios have all been converted into offices
 etc - and a grand Station is forwarding very rapidly
 - The Villa Negroni is to be converted into a magnificent
 Hotel - As soon as the iron bridge is finished, below
 Ripa Grande - all the trains will center at the
 Termini - Our old friends, Mr. Wilson, Williams, & our
 Seymour's, drop in as usual - although we have little
 time now for society - We would have a pretty rough
 time with the drilling, my master of yards - if we did
 not keep to ourselves - Jack and I are the only ones
 "idle" here - some are in head - but they dare not de-
 clare themselves - There are several southern families
 and Cadis, as you know - Mrs. W. da is back again
 this winter - she has spent the summer in France, and
 has had to come with a French park-pot - as a good
 many others do - The English & others have made
 our table, the Greeks too do for the Yankee gang - and
 they never make their appearance there now as
 formerly - Old Mr. Strick is in as usual every now and
 then, and always makes the most friendly enquiries
 about you - They are no longer in our building - the Va-
 leris occupy their old quarters - Do my dear
 write as often as you can - as you opportunity of

your grandmother's address is Mrs. M. C. C.
 - If then should occur any change in it

Rome 135 Via del Babuino
 Dec 20. 1862.

My dear Conny,
 It was only by last mail that
 your several letters from 30th Oct. of last year - up to
 new year's day of this reached us - via St. Orleans (P.M. 13th
 Nov.) and N. York (P.M. 29th Nov.) - although so late as
 reaching us they have afforded us indescribable grate-
 fication - as much for the information they contain
 about yourself, as for the assurance of your thought-
 fulness about your home - and the anxiety we were
 suffering on your account - Had these letters only
 reached us in due course, after you sent them, we
 should have been spared many a painful appen-
 sion on your account - Your letter to Jack by
 last mail dated 3rd Nov. and received Jan. 25 - was the
 last we heard of you - until the 23rd of Aug. when
 that from Vicksburg (July 1) came to hand -
 all this time you can imagine our anxiety about
 you - After that your letters from Memphis & Atlanta
 of a prior date came along - Our next letter from
 you was rec^d 10th Nov. - under date 7 Sept at Jackson -
 and forwarded by Godwin, with your letter to him - and
 as kind and affectionate note from him to me giving
 us the assurance that was so carefully necessary, that
 if you came to V^g you should not want friends, and
 at the same time informing me that he had taken
 steps to forward your desire of being transferred to V^g -
 - We have constantly written to you - and by every chan-
 nel that promised the slightest prospect of success - and yet
 only to you but to all our nearest relations and friends in the
 South - and also to many in the north - It was anxious
 you, if the time ever comes that we can talk over such
 matters quietly at home - which God grant we may

realize — to know the expedient we have resorted to to
get letters to you — and the strangest of all is that while
so many are on the look out after you in the C. States
they have been unable to get news of you — Mr L —
received a letter from his husband the other day — in
which he said that he had even offered off a reward
for information of you — and the last that he could
get was that you had been wounded at Shiloh —
— But for more recent information you can imagine
what would be our anxiety — I wrote you a short
note last Saturday by a conveyance that promised
very fairly, but do not know if it will reach you
— Skipped this come to hand — and previous letters
not have reached you — I desire you to write at
once to Mr R — at John Weston — Mr L at Savannah *
and to our relatives Mr Lebery Hull (late Mr Cook's)
at — in Ga — and to Mrs Jas. B. G. Thornton at Mem-
phis — to tell them where you are — as I have
written to them about you, and if my letters reach
them they will do all they can to get in your tracks
and communicate with you — I have some hope
that even before you left Jackson you may have
heard from them.

I trust there may be no difficulty in the way
of your transfer to Va — and that when there — some
means may be available for your return to the un-
derstand with of your studies — without compromising in
any way your obligations to your country — or violation of
your own sense of honorable propriety — You will at
least, my dear (son), have one sincere and true friend
and adviser upon whom you can confidently rely.
It is a consolation to us to know it — and we are anx-
iously expecting news from you — that you are among
the people of our home and hearts —

Mr Ward —
The Mr L — his family are all well — also

— Every thing goes on with us as usual — and we are all
well — But I must leave the current news, if there
is any to mother — I have just finished quite a
large picture of the "Grain Harvesters" — in which I
have made use of many of your studies — When
ever I look at your studies, my dear (son), I
feel more strongly impressed with the injustice
you are doing, not only to yourself, but to the credit
and honour of your country — by taking, from a
precious a period of your life, time that should
be devoted to the development and advancement
of the capacities which you possess, in a far
different field than that in which you have
placed yourself — It is no use looking back — but
let us look forward with hope — that all may yet
be well — If the pain cannot be removed — the ex-
pense may be often well appropriated to a full
compensation for all its immediate consequences, by some
wise and safe direction in the future — Our indiscretions
thus may often serve us well — and even their penalties
prove blessings in the end —

How deeply and sincerely we all sympathize with you
in the hardships you have gone through, my dear boy —
you must know full well — you must equally know
that in all your honorable impulses — and devotion to
the cause of our country — none but those of your own
time can do you full justice — that which we have
most to complain of is that you the injustice you
have done yourself — by the sacrifices you have
made to place yourself in a position of service to
your country so widely different from that by
which you could have rendered the higher service
and honours —

I hope you will still continue to write us often as

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often while on guard, as to night, or as is in my tent when
all is quiet around, what an immense resource I have
for my mind to feed upon, thinking over the past
and wondering what you are all doing, and what
you think of me. Sometimes it almost seems
that I see you all, and when I dream, I think
myself with you again and that you give me
a welcome which I fear I do not deserve.

When you write I hope I will write
also, a line from Mary will be a real pleasure
to me - Mother will I am sure write - I would
desert my post now did I know ~~you~~ had
a letter from you for me - so great is my desire
to hear from home

Could Iack but see some of the Jackson
Rangers on their splendid horses, as they gallop
by, he would be struck with their picturesque
~~appearance~~ costume. How I long for some one
to enjoy all that is so beautiful here - The hard-
ships, if there be any to a soldier, I am glad to
share them - Yes, Coony is a soldier and will
be one for the next three years, if this war
lasts that long, after that, if God spares me
I hope to return, a more obedient and
better boy to a home I never knew the value of
until I left it - Let me hear from you all
and that soon

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