Dear Father June 2nd 1850

I have written to you several times but I am afraid that you have not recieved any of my letters but one.
I am very sorry that you have not got them
Mother is well now but she complains sometimes of being a little sick.
The children are all well. The negroes are well too. I went a fishing last Saturday, and Saturday before last, and I thought that the cotton, and corn was a little grassier than usual on account of the negroes just leaving the corn land. The negroes were then working in it but I walked over it, and saw that they had still left a little grass but this was only left by the plough hands and when the hoe hands go over it, I think it will be quite clean.
There is not a good stand of cotton or corn
Your corn and Mr Debardelebens are the best in the bend
I did not go to any of the fields on the other side of the bend therefore I do not know anything about that side
I caught a very fine mess of bream both times and I did not fail to think about you while I was eating them

I have not felt very well the last week and in ~~the~~ consequence I have not done as well in my lessons as before
Crenshaw and James are I think improving
Johny has been sick two days this week the rest of the week he has not done as well as before but I do not what is the reason.
Mother has a very fine garden.
Many of the vegetables I think that you do not get where you are, and that you would be glad to get them. We also have many plums Mother, and myself were very sorry to hear of the death of uncle F H Elmore but we were glad to hear of the safety of Sir John Franklin

Your affectionate son B. H. A.

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My dear husband,

I left Bolling at home this morning when I went to church, complaining of slight indisposition, and I see that he has passed the time in writing to you. I am sorry that I have not seen Cousin Hall since he was last at the plantation (Friday) that I might be able to tell you what he says of your crop — Griffin tells me that it is improving, though they have —

had no rain there of consequence for some time, and Cousin Joe thinks they had better not go into the young corn until it does rain — Lice are still bad — Willis says he will get over the cotton the second time this week — Griffin will get over through plunging the cotton in 2 or 3 hours tomorrow, and will then commence plunging it over again leaving the corn until it rains —

Griffin says that they have lost one young sow which died on Friday night — The negroes are well

I have been very much disappointed in not hearing from you since the night of your arrival in New-York and shall feel uneasy until I hear again — I think it probable you may attend the Nashville convention, and should such be your course you will scarcely see this letter at all — But if you are not returning by Nashville I cannot imagine why you have not written — Mr Anderson arrived on Wednesday, and sent me a book of yours with a note &c — I have not seen him —

Mrs Fitzpatrick and Ann Eliza called here yesterday on their way to Lowndes, and informed me that a telegraphic despatch from Columbia brought news of Uncle Franklin's death — Gov Fitzpatrick had left for Nashville —

There is great interest here as you may suppose, upon the compromise question — I heard Mr Jackson say a few days since, that he had heard of but one man

who approved the report and he was a whig —
Your last letter was a pattern of conciseness — Shall I be justifiable in imitating it? —
If you are not on your way home, be sure to write when you recieve this — I hope when I send this to the office that I shall find a letter there from you — and that you be well, and continue so until we meet again —
The Capt says I must tell you that he was mighty glad to get a letter from you — and "Tom Brown says tell Father I want a letter, and I want to see him too" —

Your wife

M Louisa Hall

I am too nervous to read this over and correct mistakes — M L H