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Dear Father

It has been more than a week since I last heard from home. I try to answer all of the letters I receive as soon as I get them, but my correspondent put off answering mine, one, two, and even three weeks. It does not pay well to have such correspondents. I reckon by this time all of the excitement about the fair is over, but a new excitement and one of much more importance is this day stirred up, through out the U. S. I saw Douglas when

he passed here, on his way to Montgomery. Mr Jackson was here at the time. he was one of the committee appointed to escort Douglas down from Columbus, but he did not go down with Douglas. I reckon you heard Douglas' speech. How did you like it? I heard that Mr Jackson was completely carried away with it, he said nothing could be better. He seemed to think you would vote for Breckinridge. The south seems determined to resist in case of Lincolns success, Clubs of minute men are being formed daily all through the South, whose duty it will be to aid any state to secede. Yancey was to have spoken in Montgomery last night. I suppose you went over to hear him

I understand uncle Albert Elmore had a fight a few days since in Montgomery in which his nose was somewhat injured. I reckon there will be a goodmany just such fights there to day. The citizens of this place had up an abolitionist last week charged with burning Opelika and tampering with slaves. They tried him, condemned him and then turned him loose. I never heard of such a thing in my life. I suppose the way of it was, that those who were on the committee, had to stay up during the night to carry on the trial which they did not like and so turned him loose after he was found guilty. The citizens were very much enraged, and

tried to catch him again. He had made an effort to burn Auburn I think he ought to have been hung. I have not time to write more now. Write soon and tell me all of the political news and what you think of the union about this time I remain

Your. affet &c
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