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Dear Father

I have not heard from home now in some time the last time I heard through Thomas. he is the best correspondent I have. always writes me good long letters. I got a letter from Bolling day before yesterday, he was well. Aunt Sarah got a letter from Sis last night. she was also well but said Emma Jackson was very home sick. I have written to Sis, but have not yet received an answer. I have just been reading Yancey's great New York

speech. I think it is the best thing I have heard yet There was a good deal of excitement during it's delivery. Yancey certainly is a bold man to go into the very heart of abolitionism and pour forth such pure southern doctrines It is time that every southern man was waking up: I see in the this mornings Mail, that the young men between the ages of 16 and 20 have called a meeting (in Montgomery) to form a club whose motto shall be "Resistance to Lincoln is obedience to God". The fair is now close by, and as there is to be speaking nearly every night during the fair I expect they will have right exciting times. There is a report

that Douglas will speak there on the 2nd of Nov. I don't think in the present state of affairs that any body could like him to come to Montgomery. I see the Montgomery mails says something of raising the cry of "tar and feathers," if he comes. Who do you think now stands the best chance for presidency? Do you think the union will be dissolved in case of Lincolns election? There are no Douglas and very few Bell men about here. I have suffered some for the last 2 or 3 nights with the tooth ache, and I am afraid I shall suffer a good deal before the winter is over. It is a tooth that Dr Thornton plugged some of my teeth and plugging

very much. I am afraid some of them will be aching this winter I shall as an only remedy I reckon as much as possible keep out of rain and stay by the fire. With the exception of this I have been in very good health. Do you expect to start on your house this winter? Are you going to take any thing to the fair? A good many of the boys expect to go to the fair. I am well. Tell Laura she owes me a letter. Write soon to your

Affectionate son

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