send home.

Very affectionately your sister Kate

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Sunday afternoon

My dear Jinnie

Mother wrote to you last Sunday and I suppose informed you of our return to Selma, and all events of family interest up to that time. Sister Mary left on the same day for Sister Elizabeth's, to stay with Mary during her mothers absence. We were then daily expecting brother John to pass through here from Richmond. Sister Mary left a bundle to be forwarded to you by him, it was the one sent up to Columbus last year. Brother John arrived here Tuesday, Brother Robin was absent, and he passed immediately on, only spending an hour with us. He did not take your bundle he, said we had best send it to the Bowman house by express. His trunk was so full he could not get it in that & he feared he might loose it, taking it so. He had several ladies under his care. He said you had written to him to get you some cloth

in Richmond. But he had not done so, he thought you might get it cheaper out here. It was 16 dollars per yd there. There is plenty of Jeans to be had in Selma at from 5 to 6 per yd. Mother got very good material to make Taylor's uniform yesterday at $4,50 per yd. it is rather coarse, but mother thinks it is better than the Jeans at $6 per yd. I will send you a sample of it, if you should like it, there is plenty more. It is made at one of the factories in this State. You asked Mack to let you know for what shoes could be had over here. At Montevideo Factory Soldiers shoes are made for six dollars. I believe that is the cheapest that they are made for over here. If you wish any of the cloth you had better write immediately about it. for the prices are so constantly going up. Brother Colin got back to Selma on Wednesday. He had been up in Talladega two weeks, making arrangements for keeping the foundery supplied with coak and coal. He has not yet begun casting cannon. He has had so much trouble in getting propper workmen. and has had such trouble with those he has gotten. while he was absent this last time, a number of the men struck

for higher wages. They were getting $3.50 per day but refused to work any more unless they were paid $5.00 per day. He was obliged to have them, and had to submit to their demand. Mr James Boykin came up on Tuesday and remained here till Thursday. He met Sister Mary at Portland and sent her out to Sisters in his carriage. I had a letter from her yesterday, which I will inclose with this. Lester and Belle expected to have left Mobile for Dallas yesterday. They will have a very cold time for this trip up. As they each have a sick child, possibly they may not have left yesterday, the weather being so unfavorable. Every one in this part of the country is feeling very anxious and uneasy about Mobile. An attack from the Federals is expected very shortly. But the Rebs think they can not get the place if the our people will fight well. But the general opinion seems to be that they will have an easy victory there. I should think if Vicksburg could keep

them off Mobile certainly ought. I had a letter from Mag Lewis a few days since her mother had been very sick, but was then nearly well. She said the Federal gun boats seemed very busy, they were constantly passing backwards and forwards. Phillips had left for Texas, she said. A portion of Steels dragoons were staying up at our old place. to watch the Yankees, and keep the negroes from running off. A boy of Madame Delmas' and of Mr Ellison's had made their escape the week previously Mr Lewis thinks he will have to leave the coast before the winter is over Mothers health is better now than it was in the early part of the Summer. But I think she often longs for Pascagoula. I expect to go down to sister Elizabeth's soon, to take Lizzy to her mother. I have had her ever since we left Mobile When I go down sister Mary will return here. I think we will find Selma a very agreeable home. The people are kind and sociable. We would all like very much to see you. Lizzy says tell you she send you a kiss, and all