

June 9th 1862.

My dear Sam - Within the last few days I have several letters to you. As the Army has been in a moving position, I do not know where or how to direct my letters with most certainty to reach you. - I hope this will go by some private conveyance to you. We are all well, white & black. - The weather is not very warm, but we have a severe and long drought upon us, which has materially injured the corn crop, even if we had rain to day, and there is no appearance of it. - There has been some good rains around us - William & Lin Lu have had rain enough, and some few other places. - If the drought continues, and I fear it will, it will be the greatest of all calamities to the Confederacy - with good seasons provisions would be made sufficient to support our people at home and in the Army. We will have to support ourselves, and I do hope by next fall we can begin to get into Kentucky and Maryland at least - if the war continues long we will, it seems to me be sure to invade the enemy's country. There are a good many cotton buyers traveling through the country, and buy cotton at 6 & 7 cents to be held subject to their order - I do not know the object, but think some of the cotton at least is designed for the Yankees - our Congress must put a stop to cotton going into any of our ports or we are whipped - the Yankees had rather get 10000 Bales of cotton than a victory in a large battle. The late battle near Richmond will show McClellan, if he ever gets to Richmond it will cost him at least the loss of 40000 of his men - but he cares nothing about that, so he can take the place and get the honor - We think here that Polk's move was a wise one for several considerations. He should not fight Halleck under a disadvantage. I now fear that if England or France interfere with our war, they will propose a compromise in favor of the north - I am sure this by no means an affair of us - but their interest is in cotton made by our negroes.

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in the papers, Unionism is giving way in both those States - The
abolitionists are doing us service - the border States will not submit
to their views, and the Western States care but little about it -

If we had our independence to day, I do not believe that the
West & East would live together in peaceable union any more.
Nothing will satisfy a full New England & quarter, but to rule and
have the advantage of others, and the brave Western people
would not submit to that.

I see no hope for a speedy peace, but know that the people
are in the dark about any arrangement that may be on foot
- we have nothing to do, but support the war as long as it
lasts.

I write to you that the clerts for your & Capt. Murphy's coats
was sent to Mobile to the Taylors you mentioned - it was sent to
the care of Marrant & Co. to have them made as soon as
possible, and forwarded to you - When you get this letter, if you
have not received the coats, and you have any chance to have
them brought to you, order them from Marrant & Co. or the
Taylors, or both, as it will be uncertain in which of their hands
they will be found. Your pants & Forns pants are made &
ready to be sent to you the first chance.

My dear Son - do write to us often - take care of yourself
do not expose more in the hot hummers run than you can
avoid - your health is all and all to you - when you are
the least unwell do not attempt to perform company duty.
write to me about the election for Capt. in your company.
My advice to you is to try and get promotion - if you are not
elected Capt. try and get some appointment, Quartermaster
or any place that carries you up - I think Murphy & Culbreth
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Your affectionate Father Jabez Curry