Harrison, Tennessee
August 2nd 1863.

Dear Rit.

I am somewhat undecided as to whether I shall write to you or to Sissy this evening, but am almost of the opinion that I ought to write to Sissy as she wrote by Pleas & you did not. But from the fact that I have written home lately I will write to you at this time. Pleas said he remained with you one day & said you were in a good place & having a fine time. I am glad to hear you are doing so well & have such a fine position. He told me that all were well at home & were doing very well considering the war times. He brought me a large trunk of fine fruit & vegetables and altho' some were spoiled yet we had a most excellent time as long as they lasted. It pays well to send him home & I mean send him again before the fruit season is over, as I can't have a chance at the fruit any other way. It is surprising to see how many apply for "leaves of absence" & none are scarcely ever approved, a few only for 48 or 5 days. I saw Uncle Jno. a day or two ago & spoke to him about the chances of my going home for a few days. He advised me to go to Gen. Hill & tell him whose son I was & he thought

the Gen. would grant it for me. but even if I should think so, it would not seem right to go to the Gen. to ask one, tho' I may do it if there is any chance. Uncle Jno. is not well acquainted with Gen. Hill & does not like much to ask him about it. He says if Gen. Hardee was here he could get me one with ease, & I am very sorry he has gone to Miss. I received yesterday a note from him (Uncle John) saying he would call on Gen. Hill & speak to him about me & try to get a "leave of absence" for me to go home. I do hope & pray he may succeed for me but the chances for success are very slim. I flatter myself with the idea that I am the only officer in this Regt. that can say of himself, he "never was absent at any time, or lost a days duty" & this much I can say. For these reasons I ought to have a leave of absence but they never consider these things in granting leaves of absence & in this there is a great mistake made. Uncle Jno. I feel satisfied will do all in his power for me, but then I am afraid he cannot accomplish any good for me. I am anxious to go home now, more so than ever, as I know there will be no chance ever after this when we once begin to move. To see Ma. & all at home once again before we begin a campaign would

indeed be a great satisfaction to me & my enjoyment would be increased. This war looks like it is destined yet to continue many more years & if I don't go home whilst the army is here motionless, I shall despair of ever seeing home until the war is ended & I be spared to see the end. Things have been managed badly recently throughout the C.S. & our affairs are in a sad & gloomy condition. The next sad news, I fear, will be the downfall of Charleston, as I don't think things look very encouraging in that direction at this time, but I trust my fears are all groundless. There must be some great object in view for our army to accomplish, or I cannot understand the good sense & policy of keeping us inactive at a time when other important points are suffering for troops. I don't care a "copper" to what place, or at what time we go, & will be contented at any place we go to & with anything we do. If I do get to go home I will telegraph you from some point on the Road, so you can send word to Greensboro. I will see Uncle Jno. in a day or two & can then find out what he has accomplished. I will not write any one at home that I am trying to go home until

my fate has been sealed. If I do go I count to stop in Montgomery to see Aimée & Bettie, but I do not know where to find them & this would be a great disappointment to me, as I would be bound to see them. It is strange that I have never heard where they staying in Montgomery! Pleas said he could not find out where they were staying, or he would have gone up to see them. I was sorry he could not see them. Do you ever write to them? I know several women in town & have had a good time so far with some of them. Nearly all up here smoke them & chew. I have managed to squeeze nearly all of my female acquaintances in Penn. so far. There are in fact some very pretty women here & we "army fellows" play a fair game with them. The Col.'s & Major's wives are now staying in town at private houses. I called to see the Major's wife this morning - I will go to the Col.'s in a day or two. Both of them are very nice ladies. I never was worse put out than I was this morning when some one came in & told me the rest of our Brigade was coming out & sure enough they came in this morning & are now camped near Due Regt

So now I spect our good times are over since the rebel Brigade has come to this place. Before, we were by ourselves & had an easy time. I had to give permits & could go anywhere in the country, & in fact we were the "big bugs" of this neighborhood. But we have the upper hand of them, & the most of them are down easily tho' they come in large numbers. The people around here are very well pleased with all of our Regts. A great portion of the citizens are downright Unionists & Lincolnites. I suppose from what I have heard that the people throughout the country are very much depressed in spirits since the capture of Vicksburg & Lee's retreat from Pa. I see no earthly use of being low spirited as we are destined in the end to be victorious, no matter what disasters may now happen to us. It is only a matter of time now as to when the Yankees will recognize our independence, and stop this war. The sooner they do it so much the better it will be for them & for us also.

Do you ever see Lou or Lely Murphy in Selma? Do you visit any of the girls in Selma? Do you ever see Miss. Platenberg? Respect you

are acquainted with her. I saw her in Tuscaloosa, but was not acquainted with her: she is a very pretty girl. Jno. Carson & Ellis Phelan send their best respects to you. I heard that Col. O'neal had been promoted to Brig. Gen. I do not know whether it is true, or not, but hope it is.

I was sorry to hear of the death of Col. Garrott. [illegible] is a gr[illegible] calamity to the State. It seem[illegible] that Alabama is losing its best men.

In the death of Mr. Yancey, she has lost one of her greatest statesman, a great loss at this time. O! that they could have all lived to see the final result of this war & see the South a free nation. It is sad to think however that many more are yet destined to fall before the strife is over.

Pleas sends "howdye" to you & says he would like to hear from you sometimes.

I have written a pretty long letter and shall expect a long answer, giving all news &c. from Alabama.

Continue to write to Chattanooga.

If you should be ordered to Richmond call by & see me a few days.

Write often.

Yr. Affectionate Brother
A. M. Moore.

I am glad you sent me a razor, tho' it is yet seldom I ever have need of one.

A. M. M.

If you see any papers containing anything of interest from Ala. or Vicksburg send me some occasionally. Dec. a letter from Bina of day, & will answer soon.