Chattanooga Tennessee
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My Dear Bro

I got to Chattanooga about dark the day I left you. Bro James was surprised to see me back so soon. I have no idea what position I can get yet. Bro James thinks I can certainly get one in time. The I.W.C. is now absent on a foraging expedition and I do not know when he will be back. I told you perhaps at Knoxville that he had gone before I first got here.

Well how is your case now? Has any action been taken yet? I am in hopes that you and Bro Cunningham will come out all right.

We are just lying up here not doing a thing. That is I am not. The men are working on the breastworks nearly all the time. It is thought that Rosencrans

has gone to Virginia to take command of the "Grand Army of the Potomac" and Grant is to take command of Rosencrans old army. I am glad of the change myself. I think Rosencrans is much the greater general.
Have you any idea what was the idea in moving you all to Strawberry Plains?
I have only heard from home by letter once since I left. Father had given out the idea of going to Georgia. He has re-employed Mr Wood who left him the other to go in the army. Wood was not drafted I suppose and was at liberty to stay at home a little while longer. So I suppose Father will move over to Antwerpen this summer as he has two overseers. So far as heard from the election Stratty is

undoubtedly elected. Chilton beats Lane by a small majority in the district. The full returns are not known but that is the general opinion in Montgomery. It was near about a tie between Lane and Chilton in Autauga. Howard elected over Davis and Wadsworth. Jeffries and Booth elected Assor and collector.

Cruikshanks beat Curry all to flash in his district.

I went to see Cousin Augustus Holt and family the other evening. Cousin Augustus was very ill. The death of his daughter went very hard with him. Milton is improving fast. You must write to me and let me know how that case was decided. Bro James well

Your affec Bro

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