Montgomery June 4th 1863

Dear John

As Mr Gayle leaves tomorrow morning for Cumberland Gap. I write a few lines to you. We are all well that is of our white family. There are several cases of Whooping cough among the negroes. Some of them quite serious. We have had fine rains and a consequent fine prospect for a crop of corn. I think that we shall make enough wheat to supply us with flour. It is almost threshed out but I suppose there will be some fifty or seventy bushels. I had a letter from Zone a day or two since — he was well but had the war fever pretty high. Hines had a letter from James to day. He is still

near Shelbyville in good
health and spirits
I think I wrote Bolling that
the paper was received
for which I thank him.
The package that Mr Box
forwarded to my care
I have placed in the
hands of Mr Walker to
forward to Vernon to Mr
B.S. Wife. This you can
tell him. I suppose it
has been forwarded ere this
We here are still in a State
of uncertainty as to affairs
at Vicksburg. Our hopes
have brightened greatly in the
last two days. I dont think
there will be any advance
on the part of the army
of Tullahoma or the Gap
All of the last movements
in Tennessee have been feints
to relieve Mississippi. We are
always anxious to hear from you
Yours &c
B Hall

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