

Union of Atlantic
April 15th 1843

My Dear Father

I received your letter of 3rd
a few days ago and should have
answered it sooner but I had just
written to both Sister and Hines.
I sent the letters on by John Winter
who left for home the day before
yesterday. I suppose they have been
received by this time. I told him to
leave them at Hutchinsons & Williams.
I have just learned that Amos
has gotten an indefinite furlough
and I do not suppose that he will re-
turn at all now. But Willie Whiting
has just told me that his father
is going to send him some things
by some one who is coming up before
long and if you could see Mr. Whi-
ting right off perhaps you could get
him to send my parcels to me.

I am getting, ^{on} to know by ^{my} ^{own} ^{experience} ⁱⁿ ^{my} ^{studies}, all except mathematics which is the harshest study to me by far. The class had gone over Algebra when I got here and I did not begin to know it. It will not be long before the examination comes off and I will have to do hard studying certainly in Mathematics, and if I pass then it will be by the skin of the teeth. Our professor Lee told the class that not one of them should pass if he could help it. He says that we will have to have the whole of Algebra on our lounge end and if we do not, then we cannot pass. We are studying Geometry now and will not have an opportunity of reviewing Algebra at all.

I have heard that there has been a sea fight at Charleston and that we sunk two of the enemies iron

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 thing besides this. What do you
 think of our condition of affairs
 now? I suppose that the people
 have entirely given out the opin-
 ion of having peace this summer.
 I expect that Brother Bolling and
 them are very anxious to leave
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 has now been in the service nearly
 12 months and I expect will be or-
 dered into active service to relieve
 some of our old worn out troops.
 They ought to splendid soldiers now.
 But by the time old Brogg takes
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 or two they will begin to think
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 so they could stop and rest. Has
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would like very much to know all the items, the changes &c that have taken place since I left them. Brother Crenshaw when he writes generally gives me pretty full details of everything, but there are some things which I suppose he takes for granted I know and which I have heard nothing of. I have received one letter only from Brother Larriss. He was there well.

I must close. Give my love to Sister Laura and Carrie. I think all of them at home owe me letters.

Your affectionate son

W. B. Hall

P.S. If you cannot send the bundle by the way I mentioned above, Prof Pratt will be passing through Montgomery about 2 weeks from now on his way up here and you might see him and send by him.

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Univ. Of Alabama
April 13th 1863

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