Mar Denver Oct 8th 1874

Dear Charley:

I received your letter some time ago and should have answered it sooner but several things have intervened to prevent. I received a letter from father a few days ago I think for Frank and Bro. Jno. Lidor all recently got letters from him. I am very much obliged to you for selling the poultry for me, I delivered Jos his Spons, as directed. Some of you said that Eugene Reese said that he had written to me, tell him I have never got his letter but have written to him on the strength of it

I got a letter from Frank Holt a few days ago, he was Corp. in the Company that captured the State house and wrote in a terrible hurry as he "would have to go on guard in a few minutes". Frank seemed to be excited and I am afraid that he will hurt somebody before he quits. Frank and myself made a second trip to the mountains a few days ago, but didn't make any money by the operation in consequence of the market's being over stocked by the incoming of three or four vegetable wagons the day before, you ought to see some of these Mountain towns. Nevada, Central and Black-Hawk are really one town, but go for three, they are all

in the same gulch and you would never know when you were leaving and entering another as they are all built up to each other. a gulch is a large gulley in which they always put their towns as it is too cold on top of the hills. The three towns mentioned are about two miles long and from one to two hundred yards wide. you can get on a hill closeby and see the whole concern, a rail-road runs to Black hawk, by following a creek all the way it is a narrow guage in fact all the mountain roads are narrow gauge and the only way they can get through at all is by following the streams and then an immense amount of work is required. Ducks

are getting plentiful now
Jos. Frank and myself went
out to a pond yesterday, six
or seven miles from here and
had only one gun and brought
back six ducks. the pond covers
forty or fifty acres of ground
and was full of ducks. we
could'nt run them off at all
although we had a boat.
I see a good many antelope
deer and rocky mountain
sheep in market now. besides
prairie chickens, grouse and
other small game.
write me how each cut at
the plantation is turning
out. Tell Laura I wrote to
her several days ago. did
she get the letter. Love to
all
Yours &c.
Silas L. Hall

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