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Mary Thornton to Maria Thornton

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My dear Mrs. Sim.,

I am glad to get one more letter from you, for I was beginning to think you had forgotten us all, and the sight of a letter from Oak Hill revived me. None than you can imagine how I hope you will write oftened, for a letter with the Ca. San. Post mark on it, makes one dance with delight. Yes, the Buckingham Ice Grand left last Tuesday, we miss them all so much, I feel as if we were deserted — The same day I got a letter from Julius, giving me an account of the departure of the Cumberland Corps, and both together has given me the chills. Possibly I am more positively than ever that Julius is not engaged to me. I am. You can believe it.
I am truly sorry for cousin Levi lost with him as he was leaving home is to bad but he went back because Julia sent for him which I think was very unkind in her when she knew the world and every body the Doctor one to tell them the world like very much to see them before he went to the war I delivered the message and he took it at her word and went down to see him I will go over and see Mr. Thackford this evening and find out the arrangements but I am very certain the will not leave until the face as far as five months were out in March and five more would bring him to August will ship Zissie return in the fall? I do not expect she will join a remark the grade to one the morning I will ask her that she never expected to see one again. Have been hard at work today on the Soldiers clothes the ladies have
Sundried into, besides shirts, and draws to make in ten days, so we are kept very busy. I tell you the work is very heavy and very warm. Work such a day as this, Ina has sewed until she has made herself sick, and has just gone to bed with one of her common headaches.

The young married men are trying to make in a company at the 12th, and I heard Mr. Ellis talks to be captain. I'll stop Zige, Mr. Toddard has put his name down. Oh! I saw him last Sunday. He preaching for us, and preached the same sermon he heard him last spring at Center. He inspired very particularly after you Mr. Bethun Dick. Said he intended paying me a visit the first time he came to the neighborhood. But he had just gotten home the night before from Washington, and was to preach that evening at the new one. But the next time he came he could certainly come. He is looking very handsome.
On and Henry left for Richmond yesterday—Tell Brother Dick the message I sent. Henry by old Mr. Horsewright did not get line until after N left. He will return next Thursday by way of Farmville.

We got a note from Mr. Bowman yesterday saying Mrs. Bowman had just gotten two letters one telling her of the illness, and the other the death of her father. She said she was quite sick. They were in Cumberland a week ago did you see them? What has become of the children? You did not mention one of them in your letter. And how is your health? Please write something about yourself and children next time you write us with a letter.

Tell Jenny the boys have a company at the B & H and Stanley & Frank went down this evening to join. I think Frank is very anxious to get an office. Cousin Sue got home yesterday. She came on some business for the company, and will at Clay Bank. I shall come just once a bunch of heart's ease. Don't you?
Sister Ven is getting well, she has been walking out in the yard. I got a note from her this morning saying she could not stand being housed longer than next week, as she thought she could ride horse back by that time. She has changed the baby's name to Emma Morton, her mother and her anyone for it to have the whole name. Mrs. Christian is very anxious to get back to D., where freedom of speech is allowed her, says she takes her tongue fifty times a day to keep it still as none but Republicans are permitted to express their views.

Tell Brother Dick with my love (as he sent me so much) that I am much obliged for his kind invitation to return to Cumberland, but I am getting so very ceremonious that I will wait until he returns my last visit before I can think of
such a thing as possible, as much as I would like to do so. When are you coming up? I do hope before sleeping and stay a month thing all the children in that may pay for my visit last winter. I must think that will make out her visit to C. before next winter if they, the sense much done, and say you must not look for her, she has to much work to do, that she does not know when she can come.

I saw Miss Shackford yesterday - she has an idea of going home this summer - she is a warm southerner, I wanted to know if Miss Lyon was "that abhitionial," if she was, she did not want to see her. Mr. has a great many turkeys, and they are looking very well. I think she will send you some except winter. Much love to all, from all. Write soon & believe in the love of your attached sister

Mary.