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August 10th, 1864

Dear Martha,

I wish you again today. I have not received but two letters from you since you left for Madison. I wrote you last before yesterday and sent a letter to Mr. Madison as I did not know whether you had left F and no. I thought I should write you a short letter again today— I wish you could be down here now. We have so much fruit here. Watermelons large in size only 30¢ apiece. Peaches good nice ones 19 to 25¢ per Bushel and apple fine Apples 15 per Bushel if it did not take so long and was so uncertain I could send you some Peaches but I am sorry they would spoil this warm weather. If you can go through I will try it although I am very busy last Sunday afternoon I and a winter person rode out in the country and had
all the melons fruit and grapes that we could eat now are our grapes are they getting ripe any get I suppose they will be all gone by the time we get home that is all the talk here now we are going home to vote and every person you meet asks well have you heard when our plant or do you think one will go what seems to be the opinion at home I don't think one will get off myself I think that will be as many regiments as can be spared whose term of service will expire about that time and of course they have the best night to get and I think that when Sherman gets Atlanta every Mounted Oran will be needed at the front and all will be ordered there and in that case I don't see us going home to vote but stranger things have happened than that and one may get home after all
I don't think you need much more. I've had much work to do getting home and I think we are now of the Ohio River and then I will think myself that there is some certainty in it — I see that McClellan is nominated for President. Well, I don't have any idea but I hope that Lincoln and Johnson may be elected, but one cannot tell what the people will do. I think some of the army men do the Rebs down here don't seem to be satisfied with McClellan and I am sure the soldiers don't think much of him in the army — I hope you are getting better. I think your trip will do you good, and you will return home well. I have written as long as I have time to spare. So I will close now. Don't forget to write to me. As often as you can for I love to get letters from home. So good-bye. P.S. Remember your Lord and give my love to all the folks. Write soon. 
Yours aff. ever, 
J. E. Safford.
August 18th 1864

Dear Father

I write you again today I have not recieved but two letters from you since you left No Mad I wrote you day before yesterday and sent letter to No Mad as I did not know whether you had left Norwalk or not I thought I would write you a short letter again today – I wish you could be down here now we have so much fruit here watermelons largest size only 31¢ a piece Peaches good nice ones 1$ to 1.50 per bushel and very fine Apples 1$ per bushel if it did not take so long and was so uncertain I would send you some Peaches but I suppose they would spoil this warm weather if you say so through I will try it although express charges are very High – last Sunday afternoon I and [[one word]] persons rode out in the country and had
all the melons fruit and Grapes that we could eat. How are our Grapes are they getting ripe any yet I suppose they will be all gone by the time we get Home that is all the talk here now we are going Home to vote and every person you meet asks well have you heard when we start or so you think we will go – what seems to be the opinion at home? I don’t think we will get off myself I think there will be as many regiments as can be spared whose term of service will expire about that time and of course they have the best night to go and I think that when Sherman gets Atlanta every mounted man will be needed at the front and all will be ordered there and in that case I don’t see us going home to vote but stranger things have happened than that and we may get home after all
I don’t think you need make much calculations on our getting home until you hear we are north of the Ohio River and then I will think myself that there is some certainty in it -- I see that McClellan is nominated for President well I don’t have any years but what Lincoln and Johnson we will be Elected but one cant tell what the people out of the army may do the Rebs down here don’t seem to be satisfied with McClellan and I know the soldiers don’t think much of him in the army – I hope you are getting better I think your trip will do you good and you will return home well I have written as long as I have time to spare so I will close now I want you to write to me as often as you can for I love to get letters from Home -- so good Bye for the Present write soon and give my love to all the Folks Helen Frank and Annie

Your Off son

J. B. Safford