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August 18th 1864

Dear Fackin

I write you again today I have not received but two letters from you since you left Mr Mad I wrote you day before yesterday and sent letter to Mr Mad as I did not know whether you had left Cornwall 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 30¢ apiece 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 though I will try it although Express charges are very high — last Sunday afternoon I and another 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 yet I suspect
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
do 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 right 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

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much calculations on our getting
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of the Ohio River and then I will
think my self that there is some cer-
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and I know the soldiers dont 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 still in France and Arrive
I am off soon
J.B. Safford

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[[embossing print – doves on olive branch]]

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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

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Your Off son
J. B. Safford