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Northern July 12th 1865

My dear Brother,

I was very much shocked at the sudden and sad intelligence contained in a dispatch from one of the officers from all that I heard about it I had come to make up my mind that she was in no immediate danger. We are all here to believe in her defense that there is a great certainty, but great uncertainty when the hour may come. I have never liked that well and prudent urging of her case and succeed letter that I have quite hopeing of her chance to recover, till leaving second doubts to such a time. That thing here wholly unprepared me to look for any such sad intelligence. Scott comes to us in every form and under all the worst conditions of gaiety, with what humanity our friends are being swept away, but there is our allegiance at last and best for them we must leave behind what matters it if our how best accept - like death and day on this last, we can not complain we have all been remarkable, blest and without fear, for indeed may be, before our descent. Still we have
Within a few years been called to mourn
the departure of many of our family. And
it was not long as I could be with you
to help in laying them in their places
into peace on earth. Oh what hallowed
recollections spring up and cluster around
the memory and lose never in that cemetery
at Read's Mother, Brother, Sister, Wife,
Child, Parents, and associates of youth to
plunder and say Farewell, Farewell!

I should very much have liked to hand hand
with you in your bereavement and realize some
what of just how it feels. Consolation and
sympathy in your affliction but the
distance and circumstances could not enable
it, you will no doubt see many lonely houses
as you hear your parents and many sad
words, I am very strong that our poor sister
Tirzah would have been with you, for all
know how loving and pleasant it is
to have her with us. Now home a distant
step waiting after a brother lost and affection
as we. How long you and she may conclude
first for her to remain there until you
might be determined. We will be pleased to
see you and to her and would it
not be accountable for you to come up your bedding as soon as you can and just away that you've been up all and spend some time with us you home long been confined to oldery time you must meditate relaxation could not to a glass of very beneficial to your at any rate this and absolutely to have you come as soon as you can and with the place to have you remain as long as you choose you will find it quite desirable to pass the remainder of the warm weather here

I wish to be remembered in this last day would be so much pleased to see them and will you with many expressions of esteem and desires for your comfort I remain

Truly your brother

Samuel Bafford
I know my dear Brother that any words of condolence that I can offer to you in this your sad hour of bereavement would be but hollow things, but let me assure you that you have my deepest sympathy.

I was in the midst of preparing for the final结算 of Ann's death so soon although I have been very anxious about her for a long time but I still fondly hoped she would be spared and that we should again see her on earth. But her sufferings are over and we have the consolation that her loss is her gain. I am sorely that I could not have visited you last spring as I anticipated but it was not so ordered.

We should be glad to see you here.

Remember me kindly to the boys.

Yours truly, Clara A. Coffin.
My Dear Brother

I was very much shocked at the sudden and sad intelligence [[Condeei--?]]
= ect in daunt telegram of the 10th for [[fear?]] all that I had heard I had [[one word]]
made up my mind that Ann [[was--]] any immediate danger we are leed to believe in her disease that there is a fatal certainty but [[one word]] uncertainty when the hour may come. I had [[we-ed]] suppose[?] there [[we--]] any present danger in her [[cer--]] and Luccas[?] letter [[sha--]] quite [[heep------]] as a chance to recover, still leaving [[Lerrons?]] doubt as [[one word]] a hope. This thought had wholy unprepared me to look for any luck sad intelligence. Death comes to us in every form and [[one word]] all the [[vane-]] conditions of fatality [[wreth?]] what [[one word]] our friends are being sought[[?]] away But sheep[?] is our allowance at hurt and but for those we must leave behind what matters is if we have but accomp =lished our day on this earth, we can not complain we have all been remarkably blessed and had peace, for indeed may we; lay our defects, still and leave
A few years been the mourn of many of our family and what's not been sad could be with you to keep in laying their in their final place in earth. Oh what hallowed reflections spring up and cluster around the remembered dead now in that at Madison's mother, brother, sister, wife, child, parents, dear associates of purpose pleasant days Farewell! Farewell!

I should very much have liked to have been with you in your bereavement and to me what it in lend condolences and sympathies in your affection but the distance + circumstances warrant it, you will no doubt see many lovely hours as you have passed through many sad. I am very glad that our good sister was able to be with you. For we all know how good, and pleasant it is to have her with us. Few have a sister so worthy a brother's love + affection as we. How long you + she may conclude but for her so remain their be able to determine, we will see you back here and would it
not be [a----siable] for you in [one word]
your [one word] as [-oor?] as you can
in suck away that you can come
up here and spend some time with
us You have long been confined for
closely that you [one word] need some
relaxation, and would not a change
be very beneficial to you. at any
rate we are desirous to have you
come as soon as you can and
will be glad to have you [[rewa---]]
as [one word] as you choose. You will find
it I [[one word]] quite desirable to pape[?] the
[[recuari---?]] of the warm weather here
I wish to be remembered in this [[two words]]
would be a much pleasant in see their here
with you. with many expassions[?] as consol
=ations and desires for you comfort + future
happiness I remain

   Truly your Brother

   George M. Safford
I know my dear Brother that any words of condolence that I can offer to you in this your sad hour of bereavement would be but idle things but let me assure you that you have my deepest sympathy.

My [unintelligible because of fold in paper] prepared for the sad intelligence of Anns death so soon although I have been very anxious about her for a long time but I still fondly hoped she would be spared and that we should again see her on Earth But her sufferings are over and we have the consolation that our loss is her gain I am sorry that I could not have visited you last spring as I anticipated but it was not so ordered.

We should be glad to see you here Remember [one word] kindly to the boys

Yours truly Clara A Safford

July 12/65