

Dear Mont Brunswick County Va Oct^r 18th 1861

I have again taken this occasion to answer your letter of the 5th Inst and was very glad to hear from you and to hear that you were well this leaves us all well at present and hoping this letter may find you enjoying good health we have had a very sick family since I wrote to you last with Diphtheria but all got well and are doing well at present the neighbours and some of them sick Mrs E P King have been very sick with slow fever but are mending so as to sit up and walk across the House Susan Daniel have been very sick but on the mind the balance of the neighbours are all well so far as I know - the farmers are all busy sowing wheat in this part of Country - there will be a great deal of Corn made the Tobacco crop is not good it ripened badly owing too much wet the war excitement is not near so great about here as was when you left this County nothing said in regard^{to} raising any more Volunteers in Brunswick the Militia have been mustered nearly every Saturday since you left the County to have them ready drilled in case they should be needed you stated in your letter that you wanted me to get some cloth to make you some shorts I have got ^{4 drawers} it at your Ma have had you a suit of yarn cloths if you need them she wants

you to write her wheather you will need them and if
you prefer an over coat or a frock coat she will
have either made just as you like write me if you
If you need any coarse shoes or boots I will have a pair
made for you -

Tell Alfred his ma thinks very hard of him for not writing
to her in regard to Scraps death she wants him to write
all about his sickness & death and if he had the proper
attention pay him or not & if he had a Coffin and was
Buryed in a Decent manner and what will be the chances
to have the Corps brought home -

Your Aunt Nancy says if Alfred wont write to her she
wants you to write all about Scraps death to her -

I see it reported through the news papers that Gilhams
Regt are comming down to Richmond to refitout there
Dopes if so I am in hope that you all will ^{be} permitted
to come home & see your friends - as soon as your

ma get your cloths ready I will fix up a Box &
send or come and bring them Mrs Nat Mason talk
of comming up to see you all shortly & it is quite
Probable that I will com with him if you all get
to Richmond I will be certin to come & see you if nothing
happens to prevent - I saw your ^G mama a few days ago & told
me to send her love to you & Alfred and that she would
be glad to receive a letter from either of you

I want you to write to me as soon as you get this
letter wheather you need Blankets or any thing of the
sort your ma have been talking of making you a mat^{ts}
stuff with Cotton & tack for you to sleep on this winter
If you all take up winter Quarters so that you will
not have it to move - write me if you have any
Idea where your winter Quarters will be

Oct 19th Since writing the above I have understood
that your uncle William are making preparation
to come up to see you all & sent me word that I must
get ready & go with him but if he comes in a few
days your ma will not have your cloths made so I
shall not come unless he waits until she get your
things ready I have nothing more to write at present
Give my love to Alfred & all the boys the family send
there love to you - write to us as often as you can

Yours Respt

W. Williams & Pauling } J. O. Rawlings