

Convent of Dec 6 1863

Dear husband I seat myself to writ you a few lines. I have nothing
of interest to writ we are all well at this time I hope this line may
find you enjoying the blessing ~~of~~ I suppose you are unpleas-
ed to hear from home for I dont suppose you have had a line since you left
here last June I started a letter to ~~you~~ Camp Mountain with some
money in it but I ~~you~~ suppose you was wanted before it got there
I would have writ sooner if there had been any chance to mail
it a letter Mr Durban I want to send you some clothing if I
know how to ~~write~~ which way to send them I know that need
them I am afraid that you are suffering for your clothes
and blanket. When you writ let me know how to send
them to you I have got your clothes and blanket ready for
you and I wish that you had them ~~and~~ the children are
both fat and saucy, Linda has not forgot of her pa get
little what can walk and talk some few words she can call
pa she hears Linda call pa and she calls too. Mr Durban
I would give any thing on this earth to see you. I am all most
tempted to ask you to take the oath and come home for I
think this little confederacy is all most wound up. Uncle
Jesse and wife is at home. Mr Durban writ to me every
chance you have ~~and~~ I am all ways glad to hear from you
I will quit for this time your affectionate wife

Martha Durban

Mr Durban I could writ a letter week long to you.
Take good care of your self and pray for peace and hapiness
in our land one more ~~and~~ our land that war and so
happy Oh that ~~we~~ ^{we} could ~~see~~ enjoy that hapiness again as
we did a few months ago. Peace is what I want and if ^{all} war ~~is~~
the same nation that I am we would have peace in our own
ones at home I do not forget to pay for you both day and night
for you are last when I close my eyes at night and first when
I wake at ~~night~~ ~~morning~~

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Convenient,
Mr. J. M. Durham, Dear son, once more
I take the opportunity of writing you a few
lines to inform you something of our condition
at this time we are all well except your Ma she
has been confined to the house for seven or
eight weeks, with what is termed an abscess
in her right leg just below her knee it has been
exceedingly painful, we hope that these few
lines may find you in good health, we have
not had a letter from you since yours in
August we were glad to hear from you to
hear that you was well and that you were
well treated, we hope you will continue to meet
with kind treatment during your confinement
I sent you a letter I suppose just before you
was moved from Camp Morton with three
dollars of green back money in it but whether
you received it I do not know, I send to you
in this letter five dollars of green back money
which I hope you will receive, Martha and
your two little children are well, they enjoy
very good health since you was at home
we expect remain where we are next year as
I cannot get ready to build another this
year owing to your Ma's affliction, we would
be very glad to hear from you often and
hope you will write to us as often as you
can ~~can~~ with propriety, no more at
present, yours affectionately,
J. M. Durham