

May the 6th 1867

Dear Ell

I guess you are looking for
a letter from me I have nothing new
to write I have been as well as usual
untill the last few days I have taken
medicine hope I shall soon be as well
as usual Your Papa is not well compling
a good deal I hope you we all well
dont stay down to long Doc Edger thinks
you all will be certain to have Chills
again as you had them last year your
Sister Matildas health is very bad she
will go on North in a few days
her health may improve how is
I am in hopes her health is better how is Elean
getting on with his farm the farmers com-
plain of being very backward I heard Solo-
mon Williams say his Overseer in Halifax
employed his hands from Petersburg I was
down to see Martha Harrop they are put
up to get House Servants in that neigh-
borhood they have a great deal to do ~~themselves~~

Occurs all this before now

cooking and washing they have
~~some of them~~ washing machines they
would not be without one Martha
said her washer would be all the
week about their washing and ironing
and would not get through and now
she says she can get through in
less than a day Virginia has one
they find it great convenience Mary
Ann has been to see us she is now at
Genes Daniel came up she wrote
me Jenny had broke her self down
washing & ironing said if she was
able she would get her one so you
see from that how bad of
a thing it is in that neighbourhood Daniel
came up for a Jennys Carriage one of her
Horses died I feel very sorry for her
If you have any nice born feel free
bring a few I like them better than
Garden peas I bought me a cooler for
Ice water so that we can have cool
water water soon and let me know

when you think of coming up
do not stay down to long I shall
look for you the last of this month
I have not succeeded in having the
House whole washed yet but will
if I can before you come I guess your
things have all arrived the man your
Paper stays here the better he is pleased
he said he liked the situation better
than any lot in town he is restless
and cant stay long at a place likes
to be going my love to Lias Bet & the
children Mr Cook was taken the other
day with Paralysis in the street how
uncertain is life let us try to live
would wish to see well I will write
I have nothing interesting to write the
Children would of been pleased Friday
to of see the town out at the College
they had celebration and invited the
Students from Petreffe Wake forest and
other places I understood it was about
about 8 hundred Farewell Pray the Lord
bless you all yours Affectionately M A Dewey