

Lias. I suppos you will keep your
same servants. It is very bad having to
change so often. The girl that I had
Martha had a baby and we got Alice,
and she had a baby the day before
Christmas - I think we have the luck
it did not live I think she is a very good
servant - but for that which is a great failing
with many of them. I hope you will
make us a visit soon. Mr Parker and
the children all join with me in much
love to you Elias and the children.

Write soon and believe me as ever
your fond sister

Betty P.

Burn this after reading

[To Mrs Elias Carr, Tarboro, N.C.]

Warrenton Jan 21st 1868

Dear Ell.

I have been wanting to write
you since I received your letter but have
put it off until to night. How did you
spend your Christmas? I do not think I
ever spent a more lovely one. Mama told me
that she would like to spend the Christmas
with me but Papa was not willing to come
up wanted to spend his Christmas in
The Galk. I was down about three weeks
before to see Mama and Pollic. she then
spoke of moving to brother White's but I
have heard since that Papa is not willing
say he wants to live and die at his
old home. I know mama would be a
great deal more comfortable at brother
White's but I reckon it is best that she
should gratify him. Cousin Ell had
not decided what he would do when I was

down but I think he will remain ^{where}
Mama and myself went over to see
sister Delia and Van they were well.

I have not seen the Gules in several days
the weather has been so that I could
not get out they were all well when I
saw them last Sunday. I think Ric
will remain with the Gules she speaks
of leaving in the morning for the South
with Cpt Bartlet and Zell but the weather
is so bad I hardly think she will get off
she dreads the trip very much says it
makes her sick to think about it she
will remain but a short time. The sale
came off the 16th ^{Dec} Jimmy rented the house
and they bought all of the furniture
and rented the plantation. I think Jimmy
is going to do very well I think he is
inclined to be industrious. I reckon
you heard of sister Mary some ill
health she is very anxious to go on
to Philadelphia. Ric received a letter
from her she is now staying in

Petersburg. D-Abington wrote word that
she was improving slowly. M. Parker
received a letter from brother Whit
several days ago said he would not
return as soon as he expected I think
he intends closing up his business out-
here. He gives a very gloomy account of
things. I have not seen Betty in some time
she still has her boarders ^{only} she is very much
pleased with them. I see cousin
Lucy quite often her health is not
good, and her little boy has never
recovered entirely from the attack of
scurvy. I was up to see aunt Billa
and delivered your message the large
tree was down managed ^{it} very well did
not injure any thing in falling Calvin
said he would try and save some timber
off of it for the Privy Billa wanted
me to say to you that she thought a
nice cedar hedge from the kitchen to
the house would look so much better
than the ^{she} Osage. Sends a kiss to little