

but I am sadly mistaken
I was weighed the morning
I left Weldon & weighed
one hundred & thirty one
& when I left home I weighed
one hundred & forty one lbs
I have fallen off ten lbs
We are going out on a fish-
ing excursion up the Ches-
apeake after Mr. ^{Sick's}
boat comes in ^{which will be} about
the first of August &
will let you know. Tell
Sue I am going to write
to her real soon but
cant to day as I am so nervous
from taking quinine
Dear have you had my ring
fixed if you have send it
to me I miss it so much
I know it is asking too much
of you but sneek heart I will
some day repay you for your
trouble.

Purtau Island
July 19, 1896

My dear Elias
Your most wel-
comed letter was received
some few days ago and
I was so glad to see that
you could write me more
than a page & day before
yesterday I received the
programme which I think
is splendid I dont think
it needs to be changed
at all I had a long letter
from Sue the night I
got here. He left Weldon
last Wednesday morn-
ing at 5 a m and got to

Richmond at 7.30 a.m. &
we had to wait there
until 3.30 P.M. and took
the train for West Point
& then the boat at West Point
for Clay Bank wharf as
the boat did not stop at
Albino that day Albino
is only six miles & Clay Bank
12 or thirteen miles so
it was ten o'clock when
we got home. I never in
all of my life received
such a welcome undoubt-
edly they are the sweetest
people I have ever seen
all seem to live for each
others pleasure and they
are jolly and happy all
the time although they
have had a great sorrow

Edna died only a few weeks
ago she was the loveliest
creature I ever saw & had
the sweetest disposition
Yesterday & the day before
I was sick with a dread-
ful cold but I took lots
of quinine last night
& feel a great deal better
am going in bathing this
afternoon the tide is fine
~~for~~ bathing about 5.30 this
afternoon & Cousin Dick says
that we will have fine
tide for bathing all this
week so we are going to go
fishing tomorrow or next
day so as soon as we can
Cousin Dick says the fish
have just commenced
biting for the past week.
we are having a nice time
I wrote you I was fattening