

Carcola 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 1859

My Dear Sisters

I suppose that you have "entirely" forgotten that you had a brother at all, although I have written twice or three times to you, have never received any answer, and in all of Ma's letters you never mention my name. I will grow quite discouraged after a while. I am growing more and more reconciled to the place but still I cannot help from thinking of the nice times I have spent at Portsmouth and when I do I most always fall home sick. I went to Bourbourn last night (a small town about six miles from here where the girls have some friends) with Aunt Fanny and Emma to see Miss Niles and Mrs Sinclair and had a very nice time indeed. There was cousin Billy and Mr McRae and two or three other gentlemen and myself and Aunt Fanny, Sally and Emma they danced some and had a fine time. We did not get back until two o'clock. Sisters I have wished a see

thousand times since I heard that  
you were at Portsmouth that I was back  
there with you and Aunt Caddie I  
would have five times I know. The plums  
are just beginning to ripen and I wish  
you were here to go to the woods and  
get some but never mind I will save  
you a bag of Filberts any how. Give my  
love to Givy Taylor and ask her if I  
can have the "exquisite" pleasure" of writing  
to her and if she will answer my letter  
I did not get to bed until two last  
night - as I said before and had to  
get up and come down to the office and  
I have been taking a good nap in the  
back room. Give my love to Aunt Caddie  
and tell her that I am going to write  
her a nice long letter and I hope she  
will prove the best writer of all. Ma  
received a letter from Pa at Beaufort  
and he expected to stop at Portsmouth  
and find you there. Tell Jennie Aunt  
Caddie that she must write to me and  
I will tell her all the latest news. Write  
as soon as you get my letter and tell all  
of my friends to write to.

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Your affectionate Brother

P.S.

Please show this to no one except  
Aunt Caddie and tell no one any thing  
in it.