Geo. Paulding to

Dear Sisters, February the 2nd 1863

I take My seat this Morning to write you a few lines to let you hear from Me once more I am tolerable well this Morning I hope these lines will find you both well Sisters it has been a long time since I wrote to you or read a letter from you I am very lonesome these times I am living by Myself Me and My little Daughter My Husband is the army he was sick the 23 of last Month he was at vicksburg Miss, he has not been in but one battle yet or had not the last time I heard from him he is very tired of the war the poor Soldiers has a hard time and their Familys has two in this part of the Confederacy the Men is very near all gone from this district and I tell you Grain is very scarce though I have a plenty to do Me this year I bought last fall just a little at a place where ever I could get it I paid from one dollar and 30 cts

to one 67 cts per bushel now it is over
two wheat is 6 dollars per bushel I
have one turn to grind yet them I
dont know whether I will ever taste
biscuit again or not I have now com
ing on I could not get any sowed last
fall it is no use to try to hire any
thing done for their is no men to hire
not even to cut fire wood the women
that can chop has a fire and them
that cant has to do without I know
that I would had to suffered if my
husband had not come home he was
at home 13 days a Chrismas he cut
wood and killed the hogs I had got
so I could chop a little, but I got
throwed off a horse last Nov and
got my left arm hurt so I cant do
any thing scarcely yet. My wrist was
sprained and my thumb out of
place their was two weeks that I
could not do any thing atall I made
about 40 bushell of potatoes last year
they are saving very well so far

potatoes is selling at 2 dollars per bush
butter one dollar per pound I have
sold several dollars worth of butter
eggs one dollar per dozen I have as
good A Cow as you ever milked I have
but 5 hogs but that is A plenty
for Me to feed pork is 40 cts per
pound and every thing is high -
shoes is 10 and 12 dollars per pair
thread from 4 to 7 dollars per pound
their is two waggon loads of us
women going to the factory to
Morrow after thread the women
hitches up their oxen and goes
themselves for their is no other
chance I want to know if R
C, C, is gone to the army and
I want to know if you know
where Brother Amzi is if he is
living I haint heard from him
in 12 Months and I would like
to hear well I want you to
write and tell Me all the

news

now I must quit and fix to
go to the factory I have just
got word to start this evening
so I must take my dager and
go, I must say something
about my baby she is a heap
of company to me and can
help me a little. Whites
and Taylors is all well I
would like to write more
but I haint time now
write soon Mary W, Driskell
direct to Brownvill Georgia
Mag I Caldwell
Martha M. Harris