my last letter ere this.
I have written to you as
often as I have any bad
you said that you were
sorry you sent one to
programme why should
be I enjoyed it

Purtan Island Ia
July 1896

My dearest Elias:

Your most welcomed letter was received
received Friday night

many many thanks for the
paper & stamps although
I had about 8 quires of paper
and a whole quarters
worth of stamps. Elias I
would be perfectly delighted
to have you come down

is about 12 or 15 miles from
here the only Hotel but
the boats run from Nor-
folk on Mondays Wednes-
days & ~~Thurs~~ Fridays & the
Baltimore comes from Rich-
mond ~~Tuesdays~~ Mondays