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My Own Dearest

I, after leaving you, concluded to come through and set step at Raleigh, as a discharge from State Service is of not much importance any way I found Maj. J. C. Holmes in Greensboro in command up that post. He says if I be conscripted and assigned to light duty that he will give me a clerkship in his Office. And Messrs Mendenhal Sons & Gardner offered me a position also, that of Book Keeper and Salesman for their Cotton, and Woolen Factory at Jamestown and they and Maj Holmes both profess to be anxious to secure my services a position in Greensboro would be much expensive, things cheaper here than James Town, and in it I could give my own affairs more attention, at Jamestown I could clean some money and come home every Saturday evening and return Monday morning. Though I have to go before the Medical Board yet and they may discharge me and one if they do I prefer to be first home. I found all at home in good health Stock and negroes looking well. And the negroes had worked very well while I was away they have finished housing corn, dug the potatoes and put them away and were sowing wheat. It is raining to day so as to stop out of door operations. With fair weather I can finish sowing

Wheat in a few days fine crop, and winter oats in 8 or 10 days more. My crops have not improved much since I left. My first wheat is up beautifully. I called on Mr Stapes's family yesterday. Joe is quite sick. he has fever much and is very low though this is known that he is improving.

I wrote to Pin yesterday by Q.M. Dolly & sent him $50, which I supposed he will get in a day or two. I told him if Simmis was not at Camp to give it to Lieut John H. Hicks.

I promised to go to Greensboro next Saturday to see the gentleman to whom I have alluded about my position, but will not go before the Medical Board meets next week, as I now think that there is some probability of getting a discharge, tho' not much.

If I have my negro hand up and you will bring with me, and Dear Baby, I believe I can be quite comfortable. If I go to Camp Vance I can make arrangements I need for you, and if I stay at home you will have to turn Farmer, provided I can keep my negroes. The negroes are decidedly against going to the army in the event such a law is passed and prefer to do anything rather than go into service.

Kiss Dear Baby for Papa. Love to friends,

Affectionately Your Jamie.