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Mrs. B. F. Butler
Fair Haven

Minnesota

Boston Sept 12th 1861
Dear Cousin

I received your letter a few days ago and will take this opportunity to answer it I was glad to hear from you and to hear you was all well and enjoying your self well in war times for this war is caused a great many sorry hearts and now doubt that it it will be worse before it is over but still life is nothing nor wealth unless we can enjoy liberty and writes of free men and I hope that this war will close when Slavery cease to exist

There is considerable activity
here in military matters
here there is five Reg now
under way and they will
be all ready in the course
of three weeks but as soon
as those are gone there will
be more take their place
and so it will keep on
to send men as long as there
is men wanted to fight for
the defence of liberty.
Business in the City is
a little better than it was
a few weeks ago and I
think that we shall a good
fall trade at least Shops
&c. it seems like being at
home again for me to get
back to the hotel but
still I don't like it so well
as I did in a store

for it keeps me in the
house so much more to
stay here I wish that I was
out west a farming where
I could do as I pleased
I think I should enjoy it
first rate some times I
have wished that I had
stayed out west when
I was out there and bought
me a farm I think that
I should have done first rate
and like as not I could
have got some one to have
me out there and I might
now have been a married
man but we want to live
one life to now how to
live but it matters not for
the short time that we live
in this world if we only learn
how to live in the world to come

Pls Direct to Mildes Hotel
as it comes in our Box there

And I hope and pray that
what short time that I
live on earth that I may
live in the fear of God
for I think that it is a blessed
privilege that we have in being
our own judge what I mean
by that it lies with every person
within their own power
to be happy or miserable
it is their own choice and
happy is that person whose
God is the Lord.

I received a letter from Nell
a few days ago he says that
every thing is all right
down there the folks are all
all well. Cherryfield
is down East the same as ever
Give my love to all the
folks and the same go
all From C. C. Gibson



Carroll Me Nov 25

Lt B F Butler
4th Regt Minn Vol
Fort Abercrombie
D. T.

Recd Dec 17

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P.M.
Corrville, Maine

Johns Address is John W. Warren, 9th Marine Regt Band
3 Brigade, Sherman Div. Care Col D. D. Tompkins, New York City

Cornville Nov 24 1861

Dear Brother Frank

I sent my self to
answer your kind letter, these are
troublyng times, my heart is in daily
fear of coming sorrow, that I am left alone
in ill health with 4 hearty tearing boys
to take care of without help is nothing
to be compared to the absence of my loved
one in places of danger and privation
exposed to ship wrecks and the constant
witnesses of suffering sorrow and death
My husband is at Fort Walker, Hilton Head C
he went in the great expedition
came near being lost at sea,
he is in first rate health however, and
did not suffer from sea sickness
at all, I suppose you know all about the
victory at Fort C; he expects to spend the
winter at Hilton Head

Dear Brother when I think of your
surroundings it makes me shudder
If the Indians should take a notion
to rise in a body and help the South
what a bloody war there will be
but we must not anticipate too far
some fast enough, 'God grant that
you may be protected from all ill
accidents and happenings daily from
the careless use of arms - I may you be
protected from accidents, be discreet,
as well as courageous, and above all attend
to your health, do not think because
you are well now you are proof
against disease. I thought so once
and the first signs of ~~diseased~~
disease was the emaciation of my
left thumb then my hand and arm
and the weakness and disease is showing
spreading all over my system, and I
am so weak now that I can hardly
write, I can't sew or knit, half of
my work is done by my boys -

"I wish I was about you are long
enough to get me some rifle
fire of the Indians
"Expense all mistakes and bad writing"

Many continues to improve in respect to
her health - but we cannot tell yet
how it may turn, she ^{may} go into a decline
although she shows no signs of it at
present, we shall all soon be in
another world, I feel that I am daily
weaning myself from this world I look
forward with joy to the time when we shall
all be reunited in the spirit world
we are united now, I think our family
have more than a common affection
for each other, my sisters are all very
kind to me, and they are glad to hear
of your welfare, and proud of your well doing
and success - Lucretia Jewett is married
to a Mr Heald of Adon, You wanted all
the news about the Old Homestead, it
remains the same, no improvements
as yet - Eliza's health remains the
same he often goes by here but never
calls, although he has often said he
should, he don't appear to know enough
to call. I wish you lived down here

"Expense all mistakes and bad writing" I wish I was where you are long
enough to get one more wife
boy of the Indians

instead of awa aff there, and Hannah
too, but perhaps it is all right, time is
short we have but a little while longer
to stay - John Butler has grown to be a very
selfish young man and he is not much
help at home he keeps a fast mare
and rides a good deal - he promises me
a good many rides that I do not get
he is a regular Cadden, that Cadden is
still unmarried he lives with his brother
Washington at Shawhegan - is the same
old siffence to all appearance -

John Palmer spent the summer down here at
Mr McDaniel's his wife's father's, and had a fever
Moses came down to see him and brought his family
Physician with him they both had the fever
after they got home Ann Palmer was with him
at the time she had it and Cud & Chorley Mc
had it and now Melvin Palmer the youngest
son has it but is getting better I believe, and they
think Susan's husband Mr Dalton will have it
there has been a great many sick with the
Typhoid fever down here this fall, Old Uncle
Nat and John Whittier died this fall
and old Mr John Robinson -

Must close I shall write soon to your wife
she has written to me since she received those
things I was ashamed to send so few but I did not
know what would be acceptable - and Mrs Praker
wanted me to make the packet as small as I
could, I hope you will excuse them sometime often
and I will try and answer Yours in time, Damma



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