



Mr. Benj^d F. Butler.
Fair Haven

Minnesota

Shouhgon Feb 17th

Dear Bro & Sister

We were happy
to hear of your safe arrival home.
You must have been very tired.
I presume there was great re-
-joicing among your friends.
Home must seem very pleasant
to you Bro having been deprived
of the comforts and privileges of
home so long. I feel truly
thankful that you are out of
the Army and I hope that
you never will feel to join
again. Some might suppose
that I ~~was~~ disloyal but it is
not so I am true to my
country but am not in favor
of sacrificing so many

northerners men. when
there are negroes enough
if equipt and drilled to put
down this accursed rebellion.
Enough about the war it is
a subject that I do not like
to dwell upon and I know it
must be very unpleasant to
you. We were very much
pleased to receive your pictures
I think yours is perfect it is
the best picture I have of you
and sisters of course is equally
true I will say that it is
the opinion of all that she
is very good looking and I
am of the same opinion.
I hope we shall ^{have} the pleasure
of seeing the original some
time. Mother looks like her
but does not flatter at all
seeing her (as it was ever.

when we got the letter
gave me a peculiar sens-
-ation it seemed as though
she was really present and
I was foolish enough to weep.
Did you receive my letter while
in Detroit? I wrote you and
enclosed our pictures to John &
Hannah. it also contained a
-res a letter from your friend in
Boston. Please let me know
if you got that letter
I wish Hannah or John would
write to me I am sure that
I wrote to them last

I expect you think strange
that I am so late in answer-
-ing your letter the only excuse
I have to offer is the want of
time I have been without
help since Christmas. and
had a good deal of company

I find it takes me about all
the time to do my work.
My health is very good and
Robert is quite well. George
is suffering with a cold. he
thinks the worst he ever had.
Please write to us soon after
re this. We all like to get a
letter from you. Robert would write
but he thinks my writing
will answer for both.

We have not been out to Corns
since you were here. We have
been to Solon. and Abba has
been here the reason she did
not come down to see you
here she was sick. Joanna
has been here and stayed 4 days.
Issa has been here 2 or 3 times. Sally
has been here twice. I wish you
where we could go and see you.
I have had company from Bangor
Augusta and Portland. Yours only Mary



Mrs. B. F. Butler,

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Detroit March 8th 1863

Dear sister Eliza

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have sung a few Anthems
I think on a whole our singing has
improved although we miss you
we have a sewing Society connected
with the Church they are sometimes
invited to stay in the eve and the
gentlemen come. we then have
a first rate time I am going
to have it in two weeks from
next Thursday and shall have
them stay in the eve I wish
you could be here would we not
have a good time I am quite
well acquainted with Mrs Bigelow
I find her very pleasant the
New Church folks inquire after you
after Lewis is the same old
sinner, we had a mob in this
City last Friday night there
were twenty-four houses burned
John will send you the paper that
has all the particulars of the case

in it, and causes of the trouble
in it. I had a letter from Joanna
a few days ago she has employed
Dr Mann she thinks that she is
some better I hope that she will
get well, of course I don't send her
any more medicine it cost me
4 dollars what I sent her.

I want to see you & Frank very
much I wish we lived nearer
together so that we could see
each other oftener but it cannot
be helped.

Give my love to all the folks and
write as often as you can
George Frank & Nellie are well they
often speak of you I have not
heard from Ellen Libby yet
her ship has not got in yet
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by from your sister & friend Hannah



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