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Dear Mother

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Port Hudson La, May 20th 1864.

I thought I would forward Cousin Belle's letter entire as I am too busy to give a synopsis, The Captain has been detained for transportation, I am sending \$50. more than I had at first intended, as the boys are depositing some with me till next pay day, I send you in all \$250. It will be expressed to St Peter, & will be got there about the time this reaches you as I send both with the Captain. The Capt's address will be Capt M. Whitford, Taycheedah, Fond du Lac County Wisconsin. I send you it lest any mistake might occur.

Brig. Genl. Sherman was here 2 days last week, examining the heavy
artillery. He lost a leg in the siege of this place. The news received
yesterday from Grant's Army is glorious and encouraging
but the loss of life is appalling. I almost forgot in my haste to
acknowledge the receipt of a letter from home of the 26th Apr.
which I was happy to receive. I am sorry to hear that your
health is so poor you must take good care of yourself and
not spare the money. I am sure I have no reason to complain for
want of money & yet I only spend about \$20 a month.
We have good living however. My Landress also acts as cook and does
some good cooking. I hope you will soon write to me and let
me if you get the money all safe & no more at present
but I remain as ever your affectionate son,
Respect to all friends, Love to all, Thos^r Montgomery