



Thomas Montgomery and family papers.

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My Dear Parents and Bro. J. C.

I sat myself this Sabbath evening to answer your letter of Sept 3rd received on the 18th just, and Mother's of the 11th received yesterday. I was very glad to receive them, as I always am to get letters from my friends, especially from those at home, with whom I have been so intimate from infancy to manhood. I am yet thank Heaven blessed with excellent health, so is Bro. Sandy who is with me, and who seems to enjoy himself. He was glad to hear that his box of goods had arrived safely at St. Peter. He has walked about town with me to most of the places of note. He got two horses on last Friday and rode out into the country, in several directions. Saw the whole process of Cotton raising, picking, ginning, baling, &c. Being so fat and ruddy complexioned, he excites the wonder of the curious, and indeed he contrasts greatly in appearance with those who live down here. He weighs as much as I do, although not as tall by two inches or more. We weigh 142 lbs. each.

I wrote last night a letter to Aunt Henry
sending her my photograph. I wrote one to
day to Cous. Mrs. Henry.

Four companies of the 10th Heavy Art (col^d)
arrived here to day. The Head Qrs of their Reg.
will be established here, which may make
some changes in our condition.

Their coming here will also ease us of much
heavy duty; The Cholera in town has abated
somewhat I think. The weather has been
quite cool lately, and also very wet.

That could I allude to that would interest
you all, that you were so anxious to hear about,
unless it was to go North to remain there, in
some settled occupation. I am not conscious of
alluding to any thing else in particular.

In regard to subscribing to that place in
Chicago or to other purposes I am not yet ready.
I am not informed what the objects of those
institutions are, but I suppose they are all
right or you would not contribute in their
behalf. however I have calls on me here
almost constantly, for religious & charitable
purposes and always make it a point to contribute
liberally when asked, but, I always like to know
what I am doing. God has given me a little money,
and I will not withhold my mite from him in
return, for he has been very good to me so far.

I will think more of this subject, and if God spares me to return North in safety and be settled I will promise to contribute liberally to this cause.

As the mail is going out soon I must close directly.

If Elizabeth gives any trouble you should settle with her and send her away.

I should be sorry to hear of any trouble. I never want to return home, to witness any more troubles. I don't like them.

Sandy unites with me in sending our love to you all and I remain Affectionately Yours
J. Thoulden

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and be better off with money to cost
themselves the same.
as the change is going now soon I am
changeable etc.
if I should find any trouble for some
little while for and find the same.
I should be very to see of any trouble.
I am about to return home to visit
my own family about like then.
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Sept 23

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