

Starville June 14th 1863.

My dear sir.

I have an opportunity of writing, I know you are very busy as you would have answered my letter. I have been quite sick since I wrote to you. Leonard has also been sick, both had chills and fever. I am still quite sick weak, and feel a good deal worried. I have met with a serious loss within the last ten days, in my excellent servant Henry. He died of typhoid pneumonia. There is a good physician here, and all eyes look for him that could be, but all to no purpose. I miss him sadly. He is a loss to me that can never be replaced. I do not know what I will do for a driver. now if my son knew anything about it. I think I wrote you that I had sent some of my negroes to the wheat field with some Quakers. they have not yet returned. I hope they will find employment there. You are very much

would like to see about a house.
we cannot procure a house of any
kind, we are very anxious to you to
handwriting. we are to you as soon
as I am able to look at a house
near Jacksonville, about 15 miles
from here. Mrs. Marshall, Mrs.
Bradford and myself want to get
a house together. Have you heard
from Helen. I have not heard a
word, but am so anxious to hear.
Do if you could hear anything let
me know. I feel so unhappy about
not hearing I believe it keeps me sick.
We heard that the Yankees had all
left the Bay and returned to the Bay.
Do you know where our army is
I shall anxiously await a letter from
you. Where is Luther. I have not
heard from them since I left Manassas.
I suppose he remained there. I wish
you would write to me J. B.

Jerry (Jefferson) says about
my medals. He had 51 letters to all

and I think am kind of angry.
I would like to hear something from
Mr. Terry. I haven't yet a lot of money.
When I go to handwriting.
Don't talk me but I can't let me know
soon, as he had some of Jefferson and
Shirley. but the difficulty would be to
get it here. I said this by a lady who
was here this evening for Shirley.
I don't know her name. surely stopped
for dinner. Please say to Mr.
Weightman that I am much obliged
to him for the paper sent. I received
the Democrat to day sent by him. I wish
we could hear something definite about
Vicksburg. the reports are so conflicting. the
last news is that Grant has surrendered.
I trust it is so. please when you
write let me know where our army is
and if the Yankees have returned to the
Bay. I am so anxious to know.
Edward sends his love. hoping to hear
from you soon I remain yours
most truly. Allen.

P. S. If I write home and enclose

the letter to you, so you think you
could send it down. I wrote to you
last week, and enclosed the letter to
Nitchitochus, to Col. Starke with a request
that he would if possible forward it.
but not knowing his whereabouts. he
may not have received the letter.
write us soon as you can.