

Dayton Ohio, April 29th

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Dear Luther,

Since receiving your letter of the 24th. Father went to see Mr. Adlin. He was not at home; but came over on hearing of Father's call. He has very kindly promised to write two letters, one to Sec. Stanton enclosed in ^{a private} one to Mr. Chase; this course they decided upon in preference to sending one to you, as your movements are uncertain.

Uncle John; said neither Conover or Craighead have ever said a word to him, but that he meant to say something to the latter this very evening. — This is all I can do so I'll try to possess my soul in patience and let the future take care of itself, which is the doctrine you preach to me on all occasions. — The money (excepting the \$20 which is safe) does not appear. — Robert, I think has not returned, so he may be able to help you yet, and also seek the payroll.

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Ally was not concerned in that affair that I know of, still he may have been, for it is said that new forgeries are constantly making their appearance. I think there must be a gang ^{with} which he is connected, either dishonestly or as a dupe, I fear the former is the true connection. — The town is all excited with the call for the National Guards. Much inconvenience from loss of hands and clerks arises, but I have as yet heard of no grumbling. I've loaned Mr. Butterfield, and has asked for Albert Gardner in his place, but I don't know whether he can be spared from home or not. I hope Melv. Christian can find a clerkship such as he can fill in this coming three months, for he needs it badly. — Mr. Kennedy must go.

Father was planting something, & since I believe today, and took the boys with him to the Hill, I went out with Harriette and spent a very pleasant afternoon with her in her garden. — I had little to write to you as I sent a letter today, but wished to tell you what Father had done, and let you see that

we are neither idle nor neglectful of your wishes. — The roses and vines have not come. — I feared all our grapevines were killed, but on examination today see that the ~~one~~ ^{one} on the south of the ~~house~~ ^{porch} ~~is~~ ^{is} not, so the rest may not be either. We are at work still on the front yard and hope it will look nicely, if you can visit us this summer.

I thank you for preparing the envelopes that you may improve any opportunity to write to me. These words only may be the most precious letter I shall ever receive from you. ~~in the coming~~ in the days

of trial that await us. I dare not think
of them beforehand. God give us all
great strength to endure!

Could I know now that you would
escape safely, I would be glad to have
you in a victorious struggle, but the
uncertainty is terrible. — Howard seems
to be in the midst of alarms too, so
our eyes are kept busily watching you both.

This is a scrappy letter truly, but will
have to go as it is; Loving kisses should
go with it could they be carried. Thine dearly,

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