

To Mr. J. P. [unclear] 75 N. 11th St.
New Orleans, La.

Dear Father

I hear a variety of news
for the North soon. Everything
more or less about - as
usual. I visited New Orleans
for the first time last
Saturday. It is certainly
wonderful what a change
has come over the city since
it has fallen into our hands.
The people look rather dis-
pondant & are exceedingly shy.
They say not a little to the
Union officers or soldiers.
but stare at them with
amazement. As a ^{consequence} ~~matter~~
rapidly gaining ground & the
people are gradually becoming
wary. It seems very odd that
a force of 6 or 7000 should
be able to hold such a city
as New Orleans in such a
complete state of subjection
& the more I think of it the
more amazed it seems.