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Dear Sister

Having a convenient opportunity I will try and answer your kind letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> of June. I was very glad to hear from you and that your health is as good as you write it is. I came from Algiers last Sunday and am now doing duty here to the Bayou: or as we call it musketee valley. my health is good now; I can eat like a pig and are fattening every day on hard crackers and salt meat with occasionally a flour pudding and sometimes a good meal of confiscated beef that we pick up among the old planters,