

New Orleans, La.

Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> 1863

Dear Sister:

Although nearly one year has passed away since we last met yet we are spared and are permitted to correspond with each other through the accomodation of the U.S. mail; I am glad of this privilege but it would be much pleasanter to see you and then we could talk freely as we pleased;

I recd. your verry welcome letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> the 11<sup>th</sup> of Feb. I was verry much pleased to hear from you & also from Brother Chase & family; I recd. a letter from Father of the 27<sup>th</sup> and one from Brother Cooper of the 26<sup>th</sup> the 18<sup>th</sup> of Feb. and was glad that there were yet some that had not forgot the old boy But yet,