

Camp Advance Va
near Chain bridge Oct 8th 1861
Brother John

Mary Jane writes that
Father has got the "Blues" again
and is bound to quit it
now about buying him out.

I think if you can do it it
is the best thing can be done.
He is never satisfied -

I am willing for you to make
as good a trade as you can
with him and am not afraid
to risk my interest in your
hands - Eli I hardly know what
to say of him. He is a good fellow
but I am afraid he would not
make a good "partner," after all,
I believe you and I can manage
it all alone just as well as
to take him in Co., and continue
to hire him by the year. If Father
will sell his interest to us for
\$10000 dollars and give us five years