

Griffin  
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My dearest Julia

I continue to get  
yr splendid letters every day - isn't it  
a task for you to write so often?  
I wish we could be together, hope the  
time will soon come when we can have  
our home, & such things as we want.

Perhaps it will - but if the sacrifice is  
necessary, let us make it cheerfully & as  
becomes patriots. If you could only witness  
the suffering of people here in Va. in the  
vicinity of our armies, & the rebels -

I never speak of it, for I cannot possibly  
give any idea of what civil war is as I see  
it here. No one is safe for a moment.

& all have a thousand things to terrify them.

I have seen wives, mothers & sisters,

whose husbands, sons & brothers were im-

prisoned by one side or the other, their prop-

erty being destroyed - ruthless soldiers

about, shells flying, or bullets, for there

is a continual target shooting all about

us, life indeed looks dark to such.

Northern people know nothing of the horrors

of this war. They have to furnish men

& money, tis true, but what is that to the