

Morganza La. June 26th, 64

Dear Elizabeth.

It has been only one week since I wrote to you but I believe I have a "permit" to write as often as I choose, circumstances allowing it.

It is sunday and it is quite likely that my thoughts to day run in very much the same kind of channel as yours did on the day you wrote the last letter which I have re'cd from you. I re'cd a letter from home but a couple of days since and should like to be there and attend church with the "folks at home."

I have spent but little of the past five years at home yet there is an attachment formed for home and home influences that time will fail to eradicate. I have fully passed the days of "homesickness" but look on home as a place to return after an absence even if to stay but a short time. Although it might be very pleasant in most cases for young men to stay at home with their parents, brothers, and sisters, it is contrary to the designs of the Almighty that all should do so hence I think it wisdom for young men to try and forget that attachment which would tend to keep them at home during life.

I am still with my Uncle and having quite an easy time and no cause of complaint on that account.

He has lost a great deal of property by army but cannot succeed in recovering anything. I helped him to find one of his horses and did all I could to assist in recovering her, but one of the gallant Col's had her in his possession, and still keeps her. We applied to the Provost Marshall, but false witnesses were brought forward to prove that Uncle had sold the horse to a "nigger" which established the Col's claim.

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It was the most barefaced perjury, my Uncle never sold a horse in his life. I have not known my Uncle for the past fifteen yr's. I have however ascertained by his neighbors and by conversation with him that he is a hard working sober and honest man and that he is a good Union man. He has been robbed of thousands of dollars of property while good secesh citizens have not been molested these are not exceptions but too apt to be the general rule. The acts of the present age are almost enough to cause one to doubt the ability of the Palmist to look so far into the future as the days in which we live. Instead of the good man being especially cared for it seems almost as though exactly the reverse is the case. Nothing is more true than the verse or the first line of it commencing with "God moves in a mysterious way".

Pope in refering to nature says "whatever is, is right" but I believe that man more than any other work of creation departs farther from the object for which he was created. Admitting this to be fact it is very plain that we cannot expect righteous acts from him.

I am condemning my own race which is bad policy and will close. I would advise Mr. Cogman to quit plaguing "Libby" about her "soldier" because he is coming home sometime and there may be a day of reckoning.

I hope you are having a better time than when you last wrote!

Yours truly

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