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ORIGINAL LETTERS

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ΒY

A Confederate Soldier

RICHARD JAQUES

TO

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His Sweetheart "Tutes"

With

Some Of Her Letters

1863 - 1864

Together

With Some Illustrations From Contemporary Newspapers And Other Sources.

FRANK L.HADLEY

Philadelphia

Royals" aug wit 12th 1863 my Our dute Victure, dear, a near little home har oneded by a Grove of beautiful Caks and their they think of firm why but yesterday and farm worce a to day be readed for your side, Hunk of the the hours of loneling he much has and their perhaps you will realize that he has left you as least for a while the mil tear Surlingon may feel may abrence but not more so than a do, Several Salaferre and his staff does all in their proiver to make suppose our stay here pleasant and in a measure they do. ful they canno make up that word to me that you bea Care do. they cannot make more ford that sympathy that you do non have a ing way of making it who except but this Revert con tow of the nin now and have after Level both record to mid Chiles me beg lif me beg you me confine you reachite to write often write when ever you can sprace time, and les

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Head Quarters, James Island " "ROYALS", August 12, 1863

My Own Tute:

Picture, dear, a neat little house surrounded by a grove of beautiful oaks and then think of him who but yesterday (and fain would today be seated) by your side. Think of the hour of loneliness and solitude he must pass and then perhaps you will realize that he has left you (at least for a while). Oh my dear girl you may feel my absence but not more so than I do. General Taliaferro and his staff does all in their power to make our stay here pleasant and in a measure they do, but they cannot make up that void to me that you Dear One do. They cannot make nor afford that sympathy that you do, nor have I any way of making it up except by this sweet communication of which I will both now and hereafter resort to. And, Oh let me beg, let me beg you, let me conjure you, Dear Tute, to write And let your often. Write whenever you can spare time. communication bring forth that spirit of purity, that spirit of self sacrificing love which has always constituted so prominent a portion of your character. Place explicit trust in him who rules us all and I feel my Dear Tute he will give you courage to bear up with all your trials and affliction and will return him to whom you so frequently yearn to you in improved health both spiritually and physically. I have not written to mother yet, but if you should see her don't show my letter but tell her all I have Tomorrow morning if God spares life I will try written. and get to town, in fact will have to, in order to remove our books and will then spend a long and happy time with you. Should you write, address your letter to me care of Col. A. J. Gonzales, Genl. Taliaferro's Chief of Artillery.

Kiss Grandma for me and tell all who inquire Howdye for me.

Goodnight my dear Tute, and pray for me, and believe Dear Girl until death, as ever

Your Own (Richard)

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Head Quarters, Chief of Artillery, James Island, August 16, 1863

My Dearest Tute:

Ask the unfledged bird when ruthlessly taken from its parents' nest if it misses their protecting care. if it answers you No, then fair flower I do not miss you. Oh God, if I could only describe my feeling to you today I have never entertained an you would surely pity me. idea that separation would be so hard to bear and thought perhaps that a short time might cure that longing wish to see you, but each day brings some favoured scene, some favorite pastime to mind, and when I think how happily I spent last Sunday locked a portion of those precious hours in your arms and pressing that fond form to my breast, tears gush spontaneously forth. Oh Sweet, yet bitter relief. unmoral conduct, and yet I cannot help it. I fain would not revert to such scenes but memory has recorded those happy hours so indelibly that no flight of time will ever efface it.

I have received no letter from you but one. Do Dear Girl write me.

Kiss Grandma for me and Oh Dearest accept from me that all that only love which I will never cease to lavish on one so worthy of it as Tute.

> Your own, Richard

I have been obliged to close on acct of Mr. Warton's leaving for the city.

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Charleston Aug 21. 1863. My Dearest Richard Phope that you have assived at camp this time without quite as many misshafes as you met with as you were returning from your last reformin the city, How as you like your new quarters, I suppose that you do not find them quite as comfortable as what they were when you were at Royals' but it seems that evere time that you are moved, that you are brought nearer to the city I am very much in hopes that they will finally move up to the city, borhellia told me this morning that she heard that they intended to burg you up to the City very soon, O. with how much pleasure I do look forward to the day when you will be at home onelymore. 的行事。我们的对 Did you have service down on the Island to day, as I see That Beausegail has ordered service to be held in all the camps to day, I did not attend chuich that mening, but still I prayed most earnestly for my soldier, Of their ever was occasion for a nation to humble themselves in prayer before the Almighty the Confederate States is that nation, Sast night about five hundred negros hast down Wentwork some said that they were going down to James Island to work on the forti fication, you never heard such a noise as they were making I suppose that they called it singing. There are several reports in circulation in the city in regard to Fort Comber, some say that it is to be surrendered in a

few days, that is as soon as the heavy guns and the amunition can be removed to Fort Moultie, this one of the tales which is in circulation in the city, and a doyen atter all varying an regard to the time of the surrender, from the papers we can learn nothing that is true. Do if you know any thing about Ado write me word. Grand ma has allowed herself to get so very excited about the attack that she does not know what to do with her salf the Inc is worrying me almost to death all that she can find to talk about is when the Yankies take Charleston" she sends much love to you. How lonely I fill last night, I felt as if I had not one griend on earth, what pleasant evening's we did shend togethe but now how dul, how dreary, Ih when will we renew Those fileasant times again, there is not one that in the house but what reminids me of you, Grandma say that when might comes she feels as if though she had lost all if she feels in that way what must be my feelings . What would life be with your love, a blank a void one dreary seine, nothing to live for and death a happy release from my misery, for life has but one charm for me and that is your love, it is worse than death to think of being se parated from you for years perhop But God gweth strength to the weak, and I pray that he will give me strength to bear my crossheary as it is. I must now close with begging you to remember that you from used to write every day and Wontel death separates us that Dame still forever, your own

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Charleston, August 21, 1863

My dearest Richard:

I hope that you have arrived at camp this time without quite as many misshaps as you met with as you were returning from your last sojourn in the city. How do you like your new quarters. I suppose that you do not find them quite as comfortable as what they were when you were at "Royals" but it seems that every time that you are moved, that you are brought nearer to the city. I am very much in hopes that they will finally move up to the city. Cornellia told me this morning that she heard that they intended to bring you up to the city very soon. O! with how much pleasure I do look forward to the day when you will be at home once more.

Did you have service down on the Island today, as I see that Beauregard has ordered service to be held in all the camps today. I did not attend church this morning, but still I prayed most earnestly for my soldier. O! if there ever was occasion for a nation to humble themselves in prayer before the Almighty, the Confederate States is that nation. Last night about five hundred negros past down Wentworth St. Some said that they were going down to James Island to work on the fortifications. You never heard such a noise as they were making, I suppose that they called it singing.

There are several reports in circulation in the city in regard to Fort Sumter, some say that it is to be surrendered in a few days, that is as soon as the heavy guns and the ammunition can be removed to Fort Moulting This is one of the tales which is in circulation in the city, and a dozen other all varying in regard to the time of the surrender. From the papers we can learn nothing that is true. Do, if you know anything about it do write me word.

Grandma has allowed herself to get so very excited about the attack that she does not know what to do with herself. She is worrying me almost to death. All that she can find to talk about is "when the Yankies take Charleston". She sends much love to you.

How lonely I felt last night. I felt as if I had not one friend on earth. What pleasant evenings we did spend together but now how dull, how dreary. Oh, when will we renew those pleasant There is not one spot in the house but what reminds times again. me of you. Grandma says that when night comes she feels as though she had lost all. If she feels in that way what must be my feelings. What would life be without your love, a blank, a void, one dreary scene, nothing to live for and death a happy release from my misery, for life has but one charm for me and that is your love, it is worse than death to think of being separated from you for years perhaps. But God giveth strength to the weak, and I pray that he will give me strength to bear my cross, heavy as it is. I must now close with begging you to remember that you promised to write every day, and until death separates us that I am still forever.

Your own.

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Head Quarters "Lawton" James Island, August 21,1863

My Dearest Tute:

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I am strongly tempted to run over to the city this morning if it just be to get a kiss from Tute and row back but I am afraid "the pitcher that goes to the well every day must one day be broken" and I may be caught; mortification will be punishment enough in such an event.

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How is my Dear Little Dove this morning and Grandma, I hope they are well. I feel very well indeed this morning considering that I slept on a board last night, and a very hard one too. I tell you I thought I was either trying to make a hole in it or it in me, but believe me, we neither succeeded in our endeavors. I looked on the Battery all yesterday afternoon (with a spy glass) but could not see you, not that I expected to I assure you, I think my dear little Pet has something better to do than to promenade the Battery.

If I could only get a letter from you I should feel much happier than I now do. I intend writing to McTureans and inquiring if there is anything for me. I have been very busy this morning and have stopped all official business for the purpose of penning this epistle to you, now see what an example I set:- for you to follow, of course; but I know too well, love, that you require no example to be set, and therefore should not have made mentioned anything of the kind. Pardon me dear I am always doing something harsh or unkind to you, but believe me I invoke the bestowal of all that could make life happy from the great giver of all good just as often, so when you place my side in the scale, don't forget to give me credit for all, or I am sure your side will be the heaviest.

I had a very fine view of our new gun-boat this morning from the cupola of our Red Top house ("Lawtons"). I hope she will give the Yankee fits one of these days for all their atrocities, more especially for separating us. I know, love, you will second my wish. When you next write please send me the rules for using the words "he" and "She" when applied to inanimate objects.

Do Dearest don't forget to give my best respects to Mrs. Greer, or love if you do not think I would be too familiar, and my respects to Maggie. Have you had any more fortune-telling since I was last in town? Stender is in the city but don't trouble yourself as he will have left long e'er you receive this, I think. No chance of my going to Morris Island.

Kiss Grandma many times for me and Oh, how I wish I could only kiss my sweet innocent and to me immaculate one and I would be happy by far.

> Your own, Richard

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My Dear Tute:

I will have to remain over here tonight and am very much disappointed not being able to see you as I promised; but my dear Tute do not think that I shall remain long before seeing you all again. I am constrained to write these hurried lines as tis the last opportunity I have of sending tonight.

Kidd Grandma for me and remember I am still,

Your own, Richard

I will write a long letter to you tonight. Direct your letters care of Genl Taliaferro "Royals", James Island. Write me tonight.

Aiken d. C. Sept. 4. # 1863. May Dearest - Reschard Directived your more than welcome detter to day, the how eagerly did Operuse it and since I have got it Phave read it over at least a doven times. I have been down to the post-office every day this week looking for a letter from you but I have met with nothing but disappoint= ment until to day when I was rewarded by a letter of four pages of note paper, the Bachard have you no more time that you could share to have written me a little longer letter. I know that the first-letter that I wrote you was shorted than it should have been but Dearest forgive your Jule in her letter was not quite a dong as usual, she loves you none the less, The you donot know how much Juto loves you, but perhaps you will know one of these days, How sad I do feel to might God grant that some new affliction may not be about to befall me, for I have about as much to bear at freesent as I can well Reep up under sometimes I feel as if I must give up, When I look back whom my hash life, none but God can tell my feeling when it is sombyred with my present, and the my future looks as dark as the present is, you say in now letter that you have not received a letter from me since the 26th of Ano. it is very cleanse that our letters are so often mis= carried, there is something mone, for have written vou regularly every other day, since have been us here, and you say that you mole every day last week with I have received but five

letters from you since I have been where and four of them were written last week, by writing this I donot mean to doubt you for I love you too will to allow of such a thing, only write me a longer letter the nich time, I donat like the idea of my letters bein. read to any other, which must be the case as you do not gethem as I go me self and but them in the office. Thank you dearest for your kind enquire y after my health, I am quite with only heartily tired of this place and so anyions to be in Dear old Charleston with my dear Richard again, I'h how happy we will be then. I hope dearest that you are well, and That you are enjoying yourself it such a thing can be done on the Schand with the wrethed Vankies to sear as what they are. The when you write me that you will be in the city on a certain day you cannot imagine for one moment how writched I am to think that you are there and Peanah be with you, When do you think that you will come whi if it is at night when you come if you with make enquirey's any one with show you the way, if you come in the day, and I can find out when you are coming I will meet you at the dehot. The loss of the transhort Surenter was certainly a great loss but not quite a great a loss as was made out to be when rumai had it whe here that all an board were lost, I have not seen and account of it in the Charleston hapers that I have got this week, I saw an account of it in the Augusta having but it was worded so very strangely that I did not know what to think of it. To think that affer many.

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The second middy enough to please you dever get back to the cito to with have to shut me wh for a while until I turn while again, This afternoon I walked over to boes shrings a distance about two miles & a half the water is delight gut you would enjoy a tumble of it is much when I was driverig it I thought of you, do you not think that I much have been hity tired by the time that I got home, I hand a visit to Mor Jales work factore at the same time and we all got weighed, if von remember I told non that there years ago D weighed one hundred and sigle in hounds well now I weigh one hundred and seventeen and a half round, its has taken me there years to gain one fround and a half. I am is very tired that I am to inted to stor here, I mole you that - I would leave the en next Wednesday for Momoe Ga, but D will not feave here at presentperhaps not at all, if there is and appearance of my buris able to return to the city I will got go, But I will be certain to write you before I go if Deverdo go, How was now dear mathematic melia when you saw them I will write Cometia on Fringlan And now Lear Buchard I think that I have written you a long letter you can not com than of the length of this letter, chear You bleis and potect you and may we soon much again not to be partick and Remember that to you write can more change from still your own

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Aiken, S. C. September 4, 1863 20 ,

My dearest Richard,

I received your more than welcome letter today. Oh. how eagerly did I peruse it and since I have got it I have read it over at least a dozen times. I have been down to the postoffice every day this week looking for a letter from you but I have met with nothing but disappointment until today when I was rewarded by a letter of four pages of note paper. Oh. Richard. have you no more time that you could spare to have written me a little longer letter. I know that the first letter that I wrote you was shorter than it should have been, but, Dearest, forgive your Tute if her letter was not quite as long as usual. She loves you none the less. Oh, you do not know how much Tute loves you, but perhaps you will know one of these days. How sad I do feel tonight. God grant that some new affliction may not be about to befall me, for I have about as much to bear at present as I can well keep up under, sometimes I feel as if I must give up. When I look back upon my past life, none but God can tell my feeling when it is compared with my present, and Oh, my future looks as dark as what the present is.

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You say in your letter that you have not received a letter from me since the 26th of August. It is very strange that our letters are so often miscarried, there is something wrong, for I have written you regularly every other day, since I have been up here, and you say that you wrote every day last week. Well, I have received but five letters from you since I have been up here and four of them were written last week. By writing this I do not mean to doubt you for I love you too well to allow such a thing, only write me a longer letter the next time. I do not like the idea of my letters being read by any other, which must be the case as you do not get them as I go myself and put them in the office.

Thank you dearest for your kind enquiry after my health. I am quite well only heartily tired of this place and so anxious to be in dear old Charleston with my dear Richard again. Oh, how happy we will be then. I hope dearest that you are well, and that you are enjoying yourself if such a thing can be done on the Island with the wretched Yankies so near as what they are. Oh, when you write me that you will be in the city on a certain day you can not imagine for one moment how wretched I am to think that you are there and I cannot be with you. When do you think that you will come up. If it is at night when you come, if you will make enquirys, any one will show you the way; if you come in the day and I can find out when you are coming, I will meet you at the depot.

The loss of the transport Sumter was certainly a great loss but not quite as great a loss as was made out to be up here. Rumor had it up here that all on board were lost. I have not seen any account of it in the Charleston papers that I have got

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this week. I saw an account of it in the Augusta paper, but it was worded so very strangely that I did not know what to think of it. To think that after many days of hard fighting when one and all of the men on board were looking forward to the time when they might enjoy a few moments of repose, that they should be sunk by our own batteries. Was there any loss of life on the torpedo boat which was sunk? I hope that you may be able to succeed in raising her and that the Yankies may yet find out that she was built for use. I have not said one word about anything that you have written me, that I thought was learned from your position in the office, for well do I know that it would do you harm and no good. I am delighted to hear that you have succeeded in disabling one of the Monitors. Ι hope that it may not be the last that is disabled. Oh, how earnestly do I pray for the preservation of Charleston. Never can I be as happy in any place as I can be in Charleston. The happiest moments of my life have been spent there, my body is here, but Oh, myheart is there. I expect Benny up here on Sunday (if it only was you), it will afford me a great pleasure to see him. I am looking for Sunday with great expectations as I will see one who is dear to you.

As far as enjoying myself I have endeavored to do so, but in every pleasure that is proposed I always think how much Richard would enjoy this if he only were here. How happy we could be if it was not for the war. I will tell you that when you see me you will not have occasion to complain of my complection, for I am so sunburnt and then I do not burn brown but red so that I will be ruddy enough to please you. If I ever get back to the city they will have to shut me up for a while until I turn white again.

This afternoon I walked over to Coco springs, a distance of about two miles and a half. The water is delightful, you would enjoy a tumbler of it so much. When I was drinking it I thought of you. Do you not think that I must have been pretty tired by the time that I got home. I paid a visit to Mr. Gale's soap factory at the same time, and we all got weighed, if you remember I told you that three years ago I weighed one hundred and sixteen pounds, well now I weigh one hundred and seventeen and a half pounds. It has taken me three years to gain one pound and a half. I am so very tired that I am tempted to stop here. I wrote you that I would leave Aiken on next Wednesday for Monroe, Ga. but I will not leave here at present. Perhaps not at all, if there is any appearance of my being able to return to the city I will not go. But I will be certain to write you before I do if I ever do go.

How wasyour dear mother and Cornelia when you saw them? I will write Cornelia on Sunday. And now, Dear Richard, I think that I have written you a long letter - you cannot complain of the length of this letter. May God bless and protect you and may we soon meet again not to be parted again.

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Remember that to you Tute can never change, I am still

Your own, Tute

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Stead Quarters chuefof acty Same seland Septiothisks my own and Dearest Jule Dour affectionate letter meder date 4th 6th and 7th September reached me late last evening. The mespresable poppinees which they afforded me, was nearly comferbalanced by the pain of knowing, that long i'es their reception you my dreasure, was perhaps many miles farther away from me, and that without my having an oportunity of bidding you, and perhaps for the last time, Good bye, on the 8th, Sworke you; delay leaving acken as long as passible perhaps & well very on", but the ill fated letter could not have reached you in Fine had my Ficket ready, and would have endeavored to see you the latter hast of this week; but; perhaps, all happens for the best, for shave been very byly ever since, and had three gone, which I certainly would have do jugning duties may have been neglected, neverthelep if you will only write me the time it will take me to get to Inourse, Swell make every effort to see now, please state splicitly how, and what days I had best go, and what route will expedite matters the most, Samglad to hear that you

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have got rid of your headache, was it not that sevoued often moarn over the same trouble. For comotingine how low spirited a felt during the whole day yesterday, and to cap the climan your letters advicing of your departue was received, I felt (very imgrateful) as if shad none left me, m Cohen has been relieved from duty in This Department, and a me me loy detailed in his place, as soon as he (me Coy) reports for duty at this place which will in all probability he to day & will Inf and get about forty eight hours deave of abeliee, and run up and see you, if it can be done in that space of time, donot deling writing me tim answer to the questions profromded in the first part of this letter, as In relieventy Cohen from duly, the Colonel thought fit to indulge in long nage quite com plementary to me, don't think me egatistical for quoting tit, love, I know you would like to hear ifit reads as foclows: Private daques cannot be spraved, any more than could from the adjutants du Ceffice, the Clerk that has principally done cho butiness, That keeps its books, and alone is conversauly with all matters relating to the Deffice from the day

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Headquarters, Chief of Artillery, James Island, September 10, 1863

My Own and Dearest Tute:

Your affectionate letters under date 4th, 6th and 7th September reached me late last evening. The inexpressible happiness which they afforded me was nearly counterbalanced by the pain of knowing that long eter their reception you, my Treasure, was perhaps many miles farther away from me, and that without my having an opportunity of bidding you, and perhaps for the last time, Goodbye. On the 8th, I wrote you "delay leaving Aiken as long as possible perhaps I will see you" but the ill-fated letter could not have reached you in time. Ι had my ticket ready, and would have endeavored to see you the latter part of this week, but, perhaps all happens for the best, for I have been very busy ever since, and had I have gone, which I certainly would have done, my duties may have been Nevertheless if you will only write me the time neglected. it will take me to get to Monroe, I will make every effort to see you, please state explicitly how, and what day I had best go, and what route will expedite matters the most. I am glad to hear that you have got rid of your headache, was it not that I am kept in such a continual state of excitement I would often mourn over the same trouble. You cannot imagine how low spirited I felt during the whole day yesterday, and to cap the climax your letters advising of your departure was received. I felt (very ungrateful) as if I had none left me.

Mr. Cohen has been relieved from duty in this department, and a Mr. McCoy detailed in his place. As soon as he (McCoy) reports for duty at this place, which will in all probability be today, I will try and get about forty eight hours leave of absence and run up and see you if it can be done in that space of time. Do not delay writing me an answer to the questions propounded in the first part of this letter, as all depends upon that.

In relieving Cohen from duty the Colonel thought fit to indulge in language quite complementary to me. Don't think me egotistical for quoting it, love, I know you would like to hear it, it reads as follows: "Private Jaques cannot be spared, anymore than could from the Adjutant General's Office, the clerk that has principally done its business, that keeps its books, and alone is conversant with all matters relating to the office from the day of its permanent organization". Now, Dearest, if he will only say "Private Jaques has leave of absence for two days", I know it would please you much better, however, that remains to be seen.

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You ask me my dearest girl to forgive Tute for writing such a short letter or something to that effect. Rest assured my dearest you have my full and free forgiveness, there is nothing my cherub could ask that would not be as freely given as is the love which prompts me to do so, a love of no imaginary kind, but one which has been growing, more and more, could such a thing be, aye more fervent, more pure, more deeply devoted, each moment of our youthful existence, a love hallowed by the blessing of Almighty God and sanction by those so near and dear to us. Rest assured that I have nothing to forgive you for, nothing that you have done, nothing that you could do would induce me to blame you. You are too spotlessly innocent mygood girl to me, and every action of your life since our first acquaintance has only convinced me that you each day adding now new gems to the casket and gems that in after life reflecting upon us pleasures and happiness of an untold character.

I must now close but remember this heart beats as fondly for you as ever and that never until life is over will I be other than,

> Your Own, Richard

If this reaches you in Aiken let me know at once.

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James Peland Sept 18 th 1863 my Dearest Dearest Jule Four affectionale letter of Inday Cast reached me to day; as it is the first one received from you for one week, you can best imagine how quata value Det upon it. Like the few fertile spot upon the Great Desert is, to the anxious traveler, 20 was your kind letter to me, happy ments of lifes monotonous routine long to be remembered and highly Treasured by the poor, poor, soldier, how grateful he feels when those he loves so devotedly, usign a few moments, weekly, from the cares and Fumuet and pleasures of the world, and de oute them to coviting to time. Perhaps he chould estremely proud, and quite satisfied to know, that once, each week, one, If far his superior, should covite to him, and he does feel justly frond, but not quite eaterfied; his own dute should devote more of her time if possible, to writing to coniting to time. now my dearest dute, don't think me harsh or inkind, but there are a few estracts Love, of your letter to which I will call your attention they are as follows; I was too Fired to write, or do any Iting else on Ahureday morning; just after dinner, as I sat down to write to you, who should come in but the fool of a "mr Bell" "now dearest even if "hur Beel did come in and spend the whole afternoon, could you not find sufficient time to write to me, by

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getting him to escuse you for a half of an hour, only I am sure my dear girl if you only knew how highly & appreciated, and how ansiously & looked C for never from you, you would certainly have . done to, especially when the "Company did not assemble in the evening intil 9 oclock". Then you see love I could have espected two letters instead of one from you, and, again: you say " could write you much more, but I must firepare to go to vide with The country crackers who are coming for me" do you Think my deared oute you do me justice in shorting your letter for that purpose? Ask yourself, my Dear Firl, how precious your letters are to me, and I know you will see your mistake; But I am willing to sacri. -fice every pleasure to afford you the lettle that you Can now enjoy, and even dearest if every moment of your time can contribute more to your pleasure Have writing to me I will not place any obstacle in your way, to, not for worlds, there is much happiness, fine and imalloyed happiness, in store for me, should it frease the almighty to bring us together once more; it has pleased him in his goodness, to afford metby. giving me your society, your love, and your every attention) for eight months, such happiness as only menest possep, in order to appreciate, and you have acted nobly, generously and caemplany, and it would

be selfish in the estreme were I to ask you to deny your self of one single pleasure, now, for my sake. There are others more worthy far than me who have, and other who will offer i from the actar of your affections much rieher and much more face inating offerings Than mine has been (but never will they they offer more devoted and will they bring to you I feel, more acceptable ones than. mine have been and are etill) with this knowledge and with the salifices you have made for my bake I cannot willing though I am so wretched when I cannot hear from you Dearest, ask that you should neglect your own pleasures for mine. This life has been, as you are aware, one of nothing but perpleasing trouble almost eince my infancy I have scarcely had any object to live for beyond my innucdiale family, in til firite met her whom slearn -ed as fondly to love, since then, that life, as poor, as miserable and as dontemptable, as it is, has been mois devoted to her, idoligingly and madly have bloved, of the future & never dreamed, never thought of reparation a gaine from the object of all my hopes; each fault in= culcated by association of inate, has been shown to glaringly by contrast with her fune and a pollefo character, That cloudy yet eurely have & cradicated many, I have still many to; yet, if life lasts, they will be, one by one, mended and when that hour conces

That I shall lead to The actar & Trust, my past life will be a sufficient indication that in the future I will endeavor to indeed, all, that can contribute to her happiness and welfare, Hins endeavoring to make your future life one of priceless happiness strewing, as if it were, your path through life with never-fading flowers and tepaying you in a small measure, for the months of deprivation, and devotion, you have as inheritatingly, lavished upon me. Be fully assured my Dearest Jute that as long as God spare my life (when mee ag cim my own master) that I can have no pleasures, not interningled with yours, a have thought before we met that &. loved, but from the hour & knew you first, I discous that & was for Finately as hameled, and that to Truely love. I had but then found the object, Whether such is the case or not you must decide and & know my dear darling Jute will say Ac Leels the Truth Commend you to the protection of the anighty God I much bid you farewell for a short time your own Richard

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James Island, September 18, 1863

My Dearest Dearest Tute:

Your affectionate letter of Friday last reached me today; as it is the <u>first one received from you for one week</u>, you can best imagine how great a value I set upon it. Like the few fertile spots upon the Great Desert is to the anxious traveller, so was your kind letter to me, happy moments of life's monotonous routine long to be remembered and highly treasured by the poor, poor soldier. How grateful he feels when those he loves so devotedly, resign a <u>few moments</u>, <u>weekly</u>, from the cares and tumult and pleasures of the world, and devote them to writing to him. Perhaps he should be extremely proud, and quite satisfied to know, that once each week, one, so far his superior, should write to him, and he does feel justly <u>proud</u>, but not quite satisfied; his own Tute should devote more of her time if possible to writing to him.

Now my dearest Tute, don't think me harsh or unkind, but there are a few extracts, Love, of your letter to which I will call your attention, they are as follows: "I was too tired to write, or do anything else on Thursday morning; just after dinner, as I sat down to write to you who should come in but the fool of a Mr. Bell." Now, dearest, even if Mr. Bell did come in and spend the whole afternoon could you not find sufficient time to write to me by getting him to excuse you for a half of an hour, only. I am sure my dear girl if you only knew how highly I appreciated and how anxiously I looked for news from you, you would certainly have done so especially when the "company did not assemble in the evening until 9 o'clock." Then you see love I could have expected two letters instead of one from you, and, again, you say "I could write you much more but I must prepare to go to ride with the country crackers who are coming for me." Do you think my dearest Tute you do me justice in shortening your letter for that purpose?

Ask your self, my Dear Girl, how precious your letters are to me and I know you will see your mistake. But I am willing to sacrifice every pleasure to afford you the little that you can now enjoy and even dearest if every moment of your time can contribute more to your pleasure than writing to me I will not place any obstacle in your way, No, not for worlds, there is much happiness, pure and unalloyed happiness, in store for me should it please, the Almighty to bring us together once more. It has pleased him in his goodness to afford me (by giving me your society, your love, and your every attention) for eight months. Such happiness as only one must possess in order to appreciate, and you have acted nobly, generously and examplary. It would be selfish in the extreme were I to ask you to deny yourself one single pleasure, now, for my sake. There are others more worthy far than me who have, and others who will offer upon the altar of your affections much richer and much more fascinating offerings than mine has been (but never will they offer more devoted and will they

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bring to you I feel, more acceptable ones than mine have been and are still). With this knowledge and with the sacrifices you have made for my sake I cannot willing though I am so wretched when I cannot hear from you Dearest, ask that you should neglect your own pleasures for mine.

My life has been as you are aware one of nothing but perplexities and trouble almost since my infancy. I have scarcely had any object to live for beyond my immediate family. until first I met her whom I learned so fondly to love. Since then that life, as poor, as miserable, and as contemptible as it is, has been and is devoted to her; idolizingly and madly have I loved. Of the future I never dreamed, never thought of separation again from the object of all my hopes; each fault inculcated by association or inate, has been shown so glaringly by contrast with her pure and spotless character, that slowly yet surely have I eradicated many. I have still many to; yet, if life lasts they will be, one by one, mended and when that hour comes that I shall lead her to the altar I trust my past life will be a sufficient indication that in the future I will endeavor to indeed do all that can contribute to her happiness and welfare, thus endeavoring to make your future life one of priceless happiness strewing, as if it were, your path through life with never-fading flowers and repaying you in a small measure for the months of deprivation and devotion you have so unhesitatingly lavished upon me. Be fully assured my Dearest Tute that as long as God spares my life (when once again my own master) that I can have no pleasures not intermingled with yours. I have thought before we met that I loved, but from the hour I knew you first I discovered that I was fortunately untrammelled, and that to truly love I had but then found the object. Whether such is the case or not you must decide and I know my dear darling Tute will say he tells the truth.

Commend you to the protection of the Almighty God I must bid you farewell for a short time.

Your own, Richard

I have written four letters to you addressed to Aiken this week. I enclose you a letter which was returned me unopened from the Postoffice.

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that you letter was returned you, Dlook for them with too much pleasure to have returned it to you, when I opened the letter there was no letter enclosed, it is hard that we are to be deprived of our only pleasure. God grant that our armies may meet with success and that our city may be saved rather let it be a hear of ashes than that the vile invades should polute it with their tread P. know full well Dearest that sleeping in tents in any weather but most particularly in windy stormy weather is not and can not be pleasant, what would not Jute give to shield you from expressive of any soit? I never hay my head whon my faiblow but what - Think of you dearest laying whon thehard and cold earth exposed to the winds of Heaven. God grant that however you may be shared from danger grant and protect vou from all danger and return you to me in his own good time. How I do will you in your troub with your teeth, if you think that a kiss from me would cure you would that I was there that you might find relief I hope however that long i'es this reaches you that you will be quite well and entirely over you troubles. Von ask of me to pray to the Almighty to make you satisfied with your lot in life; dearest I will continue to do so never have I one might laid my head whon my hillow without commending you to the Almighty protection, and never as long as I have breath shall I cease to besuch blessing on you dearest.

Charles Cont What success have you met with in your en deavois amongs! your friends, if some a them with only get you out of the army I will feel very grateful midled to them, Oh God how ernel to separate those who love each other as dearly as we do never until death part us will you know how thick Juli loved you though you thought that she had forgother you. Please dear Richard when you wish to correct any fan in Jule dont write in such a sarcastic mannes as you did in your letter of the 18th Pshall not attempt to palliate my offence, what I said in my fuit letter I still say now tell me would have been satisfied with a letter that Deould have written you in a hal how? no, you know that you would not have been satisfied. Richard I will make an extract from your letter I shall make no remark out beg you to read it over. I am willing to eacrifice every please to afford you the little that you can how enjoy and even dearen if every moment of your time san contribute more to your pleasure than writing to me I will not place any obstacle in the way." Now need not tell me how generously I have acted for I know that I have not been half as generous as I might have been, and now that we are separated how many instances of my selfishness have risen before me but if God in his good ness should ever allow us to meet a gain I have to make amends for the past-In future in writing to me please leave the subject of all former flitations a hone and as regards the fiture

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that is as well as Dean remember it; Phave written you s a long letter have you any fault to find with it if you. whave do write me word. I am ready to be as any thing from 3 you. When do you think that you will be able to come while the close of the way for Dwill remain were show

Monroe, Wilton County, Ga. Sunday, September 27, 1863

My Dearest Richard:

Your letter bearing date of Sept. 19th reached on Friday morning. It was a letter which I without the least exageration may say was look for with more pleasure than usual. On Wednesday morning I received yours bearing date of September 10th. I answered it immediately, it being the first that I had received from you since I left Aiken, it came from Aiken. Grandma sent it to me, she begs that when I write to you that I will remember her to you, she sends much love to you. Yours of Sept. 16th has been received, it reached me on Friday. I will endeavor to answer them all.

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Dearest Richard how could you find it in your heart to pen such words to me as to ask if I have forgotten you. Have you so little confidence in your Tute as to think that she could forget you for friends, let them be ever so pleasant and agreeable. You have done me a great wrong in thus doubting me, for you who has never been out of my mind for one moment for you to write and ask me if I have forgotten you.

I hope that Mr. McCoy may be more attentive to his duties than what Mr. Cohen was. I hope that he may prove a more agreeable companion than what Mr. C. was.

In your letter of Sept. 16th you say that when you were last in the city one of my letters was returned you unopened and that you enclose it. I can assure you that it was through no agency of mine that your letter was returned you. I look for them with too much pleasure to have returned it to you. When I opened the letter there was no letter enclosed, it is hard that we are to be deprived of our only pleasure.

God grant that our armies may meet with success and that our city may be saved, rather let it be a heap of ashes than that the vile invader should polute it with their tread. I know full well Dearest that sleeping in tents in any weather but most particularly in windy stormy weather is not and cannot be pleasant, what would not Tute give to shield you from exposure of any sort. I never lay my head upon my pillow but what I think of you dearest laying upon the hard and cold earth exposed to the winds of heaven. God grant that however you be spared from danger, grant and protect you from all danger and return you to me in his own good time. How I do pity you in your trouble with your teeth, if you think that a kiss from me would cure you would that I was there that you might find relief. I hope however that long e'er this reached you that you will be quite well and entirely over your troubles.

You ask of me to pray to the Almighty to make you satisfied with your lot in life, dearest I will continue to do so never have I one night laid my head upon my pillow without commending you to the Almighty protection, and never as long as I have breath shall I cease to beseech blessing on you dearest. What success have you met with in your endeavors amongst your friends, if some of them will only get you out of the army I will feel very grateful indeed to them.

Oh, God, how cruel to separate those who love each other Never until death part us will you know how as dearly as we do. truly Tute loved you, though you thought that she had forgotten you. Please dear Richard when you wish to correct any faults in Tute don't write in such a sarcastic manner as you did in your letter of the 18th. I shall not attempt to palliate my offence, what I said in my first letter I still say now. Tell me would you have been satisfied with a letter that I would have written you in a half hour? No, you know that you would not have been satisfied. Richard I will make an extract from your letter I shall make no remark but beg you to read it over "I am willing to sacrifice every pleasure to afford you the little that you can now enjoy, and even dearest if every moment of your time can contribute more to your pleasure than writing to me I will not place any obstacle in the way." You need not tell me how generously I have acted for I know that I have not been half as generous as I might have been, and now that we are separated how many instances of my selfishness have risen before me but if God in his goodness should ever allow us to meet again I hope to make amends for the past. In future in In future in writing to me please leave the subject of all former flirtations alone and as regards the future rest assured that no matter how fascinating may be the offering that none of them will for one moment cause me to forget you, no, every attention paid me by another only serves to bring you more forcibly to my mind.

Dearest Richard you do not know the strength of woman's love or you never would have penned it, you know not and it is well that you do not know that agony that that letter has caused me, the many scalding tears that I have shed over it, forgive Tute for all her folly. I have joined in the gayety since I have been up here but often with a heavy heart, thank heavens it is all over. The soldiers have all returned to the army and the young girls are more sedate now that they are gone.

I received a letter from Gornelia yesterday. I wish that I had not left the city. I regret that I was not in the city at the time of your mother's sickness.

In your letter of August 21st you ask for the rule for using "he and she" when applied to inanimate objects. I do not remember the exact words of the rule, but I think I can give you some idea. The pronoun "he" is applied to inanimate object denoting strength, bravery. The pronoun "she" is applied to inanimate object denoting weak, beauty. That is as well as I can remember it. I have written you a long letter, have you any fault to find with it, if you have, do write me word. I am ready to bear anything for you. When do you think that you will be able to come up. I hope soon as if you do not come up I will not see you until the close of the war for I will remain where I now am until things are quiet in the city, which I suppose will not be until the close of the war, which I hope will come to a close very soon as I am anxious to be at home with you all once more. Goodbye, God bless you dearest and grant that we may soon meet, forgive your Tute if she writes you anything amiss and remember that with all her faults she loves you dearly, more dearly perhaps that you think, for remember that until death I am as ever,

Your Own,

Tute

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beat in mison and every life patriotically eaclaims victory or death. Citizen of all states from every part of the confederacy are assembled here to drive the vile invader back or to die in the attempt and foury on sacred throw, the right very teaches us to look to time for succor; and all with 2 yet be right. However dack and gloomy our came may now appears feel agained that the God of Host's on our side and feelingthers, know too well how alone, our shuggle mustherride have end. ... In regretting the step which induced you to leave the city you have my dearest wronged me Woury much, fort poor tute, as you term it, " should have been even injured there would have been atleast one to morrin for her, and at think why would have done the same. & hard mis elser a visit some few evening back and dam exceedingly glad that circum-stances permitted me to do go, as afound her most overcome with greef. I am incopably of expressing much exprepatty; as you well know, in such cases, not that I do not feel ing for others woes, but I am not peculiarly gifted in Expressing it a other can and do, if I could she should certainly have received it, for I feel ENTER FOR AMER EUNIVERSITY OF TEX

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James Island, October 20, 1863

My Dearest Tute:

I again have had the pleasure of perusing one of your inestimable "Billet Doux" under date 15th instant and am truly grateful to hear of your continued good health. As usual, it is a matter of considerable mystery to know what becomes of my letters, as you state you have been some time without hearing from me. I can only trust that they may be only the more appreciated when received, if such a thing can be.

You think Dearest that there is no pleasure in life when separated from those we love, it is true it is a great privation and a very great sacrifice we are called upon to make, but so much more will be our reward if we can only school ourselves to meet all our troubles with fortitude and resignation. Let us not for one moment indulge in the idea that they will only end in death; but let us nerve ourselves for the worst, and perhaps some bright days may yet be in store for us, and however dark the prospects of the present are, and those of the future may be pictured, feel assured that despondency, doubts and misgivings can only tend to make our contemplated misery the more intense; the habit too often indulged in of meeting trouble half way makes us much more unhappiness than we should necessarily suffer. May I ask my Dearest then, to contemplate the future as I intend making it? And should God spare us both, and it is in my power it will be one of undisturbed happiness, one of continued felicity, and if you believe my promises dearest you should not indulge in dark and dreary foreboding of the future.

Since my last letter our batteries on this Island have kept up an almost incessant firing upon the enemy's works on Morris Island, which, from all appearances, are very nearly completed. I suppose we must look for stirring times soon if we are to have them atall. Our forces have been largely augmented and are quite adequate for any demonstration the enemy may make; our boasted valiant foe has given us ample time to prepare for any incursion he may contemplate and our authorities have not been slow in availing themselves of the chances thus offered them. The once beautiful fields of this Island present now one mass of formidable batteries and the quiet yeoman with a willing heart prepares of the soil he has so often tilled, engines of destruction. Every heart seems to beat in unison and every lip patriotically exclaims victory or death. Citizens of all states from every part of the confederacy are assembled here to drive the vile invader back or to die in the attempt and from yon sacred throne, the righteous God smiles propitiously upon our cause; teaches us to look to him for succor; and tells us all will yet be right. However dark and gloomy our cause may now appear, I feel assured that the God of Host is on our side and feeling thus knows too well how alone our struggle must end.

COPIED FROM THE COLLECTIONS IN THE CENTER FOR AMERICAN HISTORY THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN In regretting the step which induced you to leave the city you have my dearest wronged me very much, for if poor Tute, as you term it, should have been even injured there would have been at least one to mourn for her, and I think I might with impunity say, many more would have done the same.

I paid Mrs. Greer a visit some few evenings back and I am exceedingly glad that circumstances permitted me to do so, as I found her most overcome with grief. I am incapable of expressing much sympathy, as you well know, in such cases, not that I do not feel for others woes, but I am not peculiarly gifted in expressing it as others can and do; if I could she should certainly have received it, for I feel her troubles sensibly. I trust God will give her power to sustain herself now in the hour of her tribulation. Prosperity and happiness have so long a time dispelled their influences over her life that she is scarcely prepared to meet the heavy and successive blows the hand of adversity has so, I may say, unsparingly dealt her. Her's, my Dearest Tute, is indeed agonizing and severe affliction and if you have any sympathy to offer, lay aside for my sake as well as your own all former prejudices, and give it freely. You are just entering life and perhaps you may one day (God forbid) feel the want of the sympathy of our friends and then you will realize that "Bread cast upon the waters will return after many days". I am quite pleased to learn that you have written to my Dear mother. You can not feel how much she appreciates your thoughtful kindness. Mother loves you dearly and this has only added another link to the already extended chain that promises happily to encircle our union.

How has the Marietta affair ended? Miss Lizzie Parker is, I believe, still away from the city. The only reason I have for thinking thus is adduced from the fact of not having seen or heard anything of her since you left Charleston. Why do you inquire, you dear little rogue. I paid Mrs. Fourgeand a visit a few nights since, only a flying visit however, on my return from the city where an afternoon had been very busily spent in attending to some official matters. I also met Miss Eason and Lieut. Masterman, they all beg to be remembered and inquired very particularly about you.

We are having very disagreeable weather, very rainy, and I fear we will enjoy after the rain some very cold weather, quite fascinating is it not?

The Ironsides seems to have been materially injured by the explosion of a torpedo under her bow, it is indeed a pity that she was not sunk. I think the actors in that affair displayed about as much heroism and gallantry as any men have since the commencement of the war, what a pity their reward was so trifling and that they should have been captured. A few more such experiments and the almost invulnerable monster would soon sleep deep in the element she so proudly and defiantly floats over now. I see the fleet off of our Bar has had an accession of another Monitor. I should like very well to know how long they intend preparing to attack us again. I understand the Big Gun has turned out to be a perfect success Contrary to the expectations of many. I hope we may be able to When you write to Grandma give her much love for me and tell her I am and have been quite busy, but that I expect soon to have very little to do and then I will tire her out with my letters. Do dearest write as often as you can to him who looks with such anxiety for your letters and remember that until death claims him as its victim he can only be Tute's own.

Richard

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HE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN Monroe Wallow Co. Sa Juesday c. 10. 3 th 1863. My Dearest Roichard. your letters of the 20 th and 24 th inst reached me in due time, ? would have written you before this but I have actually lovered my time away in such a way that night would arrive before I was aware of it. you dont know how lary I am getting but when I say layy Pan not-quite so layy as not to wish to write to you, you will not think that my trip to the country has improved me much all that I have learned is a lesson in idleness, In your letter of the 24th you mention that the ene my had again spened on the City I was in hopes that I might have baid a visit to the bily out now that have is all over for boursin Anne would not think of such a thing as allowing me to go whe she thinks that there is so much danger as what she does at - Onarles ton. Will you do me a favor when you come up to the bito with wore get me a pass hoch for Mprs ct. E. Hauck to whit the city of thatles ton on browness now do tri and get it, she may come down and the again she may not. It- is not quite certain yet wether we will come down to do. On in pannary as who things were

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papers , we receive them every day, that is we get clonda papers on Wednesday so that we always know all that is going on in the City? I am much blidged to you for you offer a sending me the paper's but it is quite uns necessary expense as we have the city 'a apress and we can alway's borrow an Augusta and Athanta prapers so that we know all that is going on around us, and Pam so much a politician that very often Idont even reach over the paper, I did not notice the Conspondence to which you efer, I would have liked very much to have seen it as I have a most contemptable opinion of Ferna "Though you are what is the general opinion of the propile up have in reference to it Why Hickord you cannot have an idea of what sort of people live in here, Why they we the greatest set of fools that I ever came across in my life juny if I was to ask them if they had noticed that comes pondence, they would not be able to understand the meaning of my words, they are too great covered to gointe the arry, and as many of them as ear possibly get of are at home pere at work on the work that had better have been left for the umen. you can let them what von please and they have not gold the spirit to resent it, Since I have been up here I have found but one man that had the shout

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to resent my abuse of Georgia, and I like him for his spirit his name is Henry elletton, I hate Georgia and us recard the pointe they are too contemptable to have I suppose that by this time herident Javis has arriv Preceived a letter from Gometia on Funday, she tells me of the enomious price of shoes, I shall go this evening out into the bountry to try and induce some of the people to sell me some leather to get a pain made for her, I can get them made if Pean obtain the leather which is quite a difficult task every one up here buy's the hide and has them tanned at the Georgia Haclory so that leather is not easily obtain you once told me that either Mor Wiley or your self had quite a number of pretty novels, in you have them do loan them to me send them by e press we will tak good care of them and when we finish reading them I will return streng if they are Mon Wileys 66 th and bons them you know that you can get any thing from him do try and get them as we have nothing to do but read and sun in the wood's and I have been out in the word's so much that I am almost black. I must now close as I have written you a much longerletter than I at first thought I could have done as there is so little of interest to tell you. Good bye, God bless you and remember that until death fiart is Plove you as truly is wom an can and that I am a ever your own While 2000

Monroe, Walton County, Ga. Tuesday, November 3, 1863

My Dearest Richard:

Your letters of the 20th and 24th instant reached me in due time. I would have written you before this but I have actually loitered my time away in such a way that night would arrive before I was aware of it. You don't know how lazy I am getting but when I say lazy I am not quite so lazy as not to wish to write to you. You will not think that my trip to the country has improved me much, all that I have learned is a lesson in idleness.

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In your letter of the 24th you mention that the enemy had again opened on the City. I was in hopes that I might have paid a visit to the City but now that hope is all over for Cousin Annie would not think of such a thing as allowing me to go when she thinks that there is so much danger as what she does at Charleston.

Will you do me a favor when you come up to the City? Will you get me a passport for Mrs. A. E. Hauck to visit the City of Charleston on business? Now do try to get it, she may come down and then again she may not.

It is not quite certain yet whether we will come down to So. Ca. in January or not. Things were much more certain last week than what they are at the present time.

What is the reason that you cannot obtain a furlough? I think the Col. might at least let you off for one week, if he only knew how anxious I am to see you, I am certain that he would let you come up or else he must have a heart of stone.

Cousin Annie only expressed her opinion that she thought it improper for any young lady to write to any gentleman so often, and as regards the length of my letters she never interferes in the least about them so that if my letters are shortened at any time I alone am to blame, no one else, I can assure you.

You ask what is the reason of the coldness of manners which you think that you detected in my last letter. If I wrote you in such a way I was not aware of doing so, for as you say you have given me no occasion to display the least change in my manners to you, no I am not capable of changing so very easily. No, dear Richard, I have not forgotten my promise to you, that I would always tell you immediately if I could find any occasion for offence. No, Richard, you are innocent, you have got alarmed without a cause this time. 70

You ask me how often we receive the Charleston papers. E. We receive them every day, that is, we get Monday papers (A Wednesday, so that we always know all that is going on in the City. I am much obliged to you for your offer of sending he the papers but it is quite an unnecessary expense as we have the city papers and we can always borrow an Augusta and Atlanta paper so that we know all that is going on around us. and I am so much of a politician that very often I don't even read over the papers. I did not notice the correspondence to which you refer, I would have liked very much to have seen it as I have a most contemptible opinion of Fernando Wood. You ask what is the general opinion of the people up here in reference to it, Why Richard you cannot have an idea of what sort of people live up here. Why they are the greatest set of fools that I ever came across in my life, why if I was to ask them if they had noticed that correspondence, they would not be able to understand the meaning of my words. They are too great coward to to go into the army, and as many of them as can possibly get off are at home here at work on the work that had better have been left for the women. You can tell them what you please and they have not got the spirit to resent it. Since I have been up here I have found but one man that had the spirit to resent my abuse of Georgia and I like him for his spirit, his name is I hate Georgia and as regard the people they are Henry Welton. too contemptible to hate. I suppose that by this time President Davis hag arrived.

I received a letter from Cornelia on Friday, she tells me of the enormous price of shoes. I shall go this evening out into the country to try and induce some of the people to sell me some leather to get a pair made for her. I can get them made if I can obtain the leather which is quite a difficult task. Every one up here buys the hide and has them tanned at the Georgia factory so that leather is not easily obtained.

You once told me that either Mr. Wiley or yourself had quite a number of pretty novels, if you have them, do loan them to me, send them by express. We will take good care of them and when we finish reading them I will return them. If they are Mr. Wiley's do try and borrow them, you know that you can get anything from him. Do try and get them as we have nothing to do but read and run in the woods and I have been out in the woods so much that I am almost black. I must now close as I have written you a much longer letter that I at first thought I could have done, as there is so little of interest to tell you.

() Goodbye, God bless you, and remember that until death part us I love you as truly as woman can and that I am as ever,

Your Own, Tutes

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Write soon.

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James Island, December 8, 1863 61

My Dearest Tute:

Is it necessary for me to write you the hours of sadness I have spent since last I held, in fond embrace, the object of my life, my all? I would suppose not, as I know that you have felt as keenly as I have the bitter pangs of separation; only made the more poignant by my recent visit. And still I feel the more happy and thank the giver of all good for having allowed me, once more, to have heard your merry laugh; to have beheld your almost, to me, angelic face, and to have had again reiterated those blessed vows and happy assurances that the fair daughter of South Carolina has in no wise been neglectful of the promise long since made, and that to her and to her alone does the soldier feel that his happiness has been committed, and flatters himself that of the many fair flowers out of which he has selected the fairest belonged to And my dearest Tute you have rest assured my all, my him. full affection, if that can requite you for the months of untiring devotion you have given me.

I had quite a long journey of it returning from Monroe and if you will give me your usual patience will endeavor to narrate some of the most notable incidents. As you are aware I left Monroe to take the night train from the Circle which I did, but missed the Augusta connection, and was obliged to lay over at Augusta until seven o'clock next night. Ι would have had to remain at Augusta any how for one day but thought I would run on to Aiken and spend at least a day there, and return to Augusta, but, as you will perceive, could not do so. Capt. Girardey met me at the train and drove me to his house, where I took breakfast and dinner. After breakfast I visited all the works and sailed up the canal to the powder drying houses, where I had some business to attend to, and at night took the down train to Aiken. There I met Mr. Ranovith, who very kindly invited me to his house to spend the night. The next day I had to ride about 10 miles out in the country in order to see the parties with whom I had business, and in consequence of which, missed the down train. I spent some time, however, with Grandmother (the first thing I done upon reaching Aiken). I must not omit to mention that among the memorable occurrences of my visit was my dining with Mr. Benson, the gentleman of newspaper notoriety (squaring the circle). He is quite affable and gentlemanly and not a fool by any means. The next morning I took the down train which landed me safely at Ninety Six, but would go no farther. There I had to lay over until night., making the best of a bad bargain. I rode about three miles back to Williston, and spent quite a pleasant time of it at Mrs. Rose & Rivers. At last the down night train reached the place and jumping aboard was the next morning (much behind time) landed

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COPIED FROM THE COLLECTIONS IN THE CENTER FOR AMERICAN HISTORY THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN in Charleston safe and sound. And now my dearest Tute my journey is ended, and you have quite a description of it. Do you not think I had quite a time of it.

Orders have been issued, in quite a complementary manner, relieving Col. Gonzales from duty in this District and ordering him to report to Genl. Beauregard in Charleston. I am of the opinion that our move will commence tomorrow morning.

And now dearest something for Mrs. Hauck. I saw Mrs. Greer about the brandy &c. She refuses to put any price on the knives & forks, until she can find out their value, and tells me she is getting Twenty five Dollars a bottle for her brandy, rather extravagent is it not. Rice is worth 25% per pound - the very cheapest; and salt from \$18. to \$20. per bushel. I have not been able to see Mr. Ellsworth yet, but think I will be able to do so today. I have tried to see him several times but could not do so. I have paid the subscription to the Charleston Courier and herewith enclose the bill.

Please make my kind regards to Mrs. White and Hauck and tell them I can never forget the kindness extended to me recently. Anything that I can do for them will be cheerfully and promptly done, only let them remind me of it. I hope Mr. White had been able to get a furlough. Do make my respects to Mr. Mitchell particularly and to all inquiring friends generally.

Let me remind you of one thing my dearest Tute before I close. Before leaving Monroe I remember your sending a message to Mr. England through his sister. Now don't think I am jealous but let me call your attention to the remarks that were made by Mrs. Houston about certain young ladies (one recently married) who had been in the habit of sending messages to her son through her daughter when they were staying in Newberry. If you will remember how scandalously she spoke of them you will appreciate my motives for mentioning the subject. I care not for myself, but my dearest one I would save you from the scathing and denunciatory tongue of scandal, least when your pure, innocent and unsuspecting course might be misconstrued and you made its unwilling victim. Remember also I told you of a certain young lady whom I did not think as elegant and refined as she might be. I may have been prejudiced from the fact of her having induced you to do that which upon serious, or rather upon little reflection, would have appeared extremely wrong, but prejudiced or not I would prefer to know that you did not, in the future, intend being guided by any but your own good judgment which (excuse me if you please) I deem sufficient for any emergency which may arise.

Dearest Tute I love you very dearly and that fact alone induces me to write thus. If I have done wrong in so doing, you will forgive your foolish Richard whose love perhaps blinds his reason.

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In 9 days we celebrate the anniversary of our engagement, let us my dearest Tute join on that occasion our supplication to the throne of grace for all the blessing we have enjoyed in the past and ask, if it be His good will, that e'er another year rolls past we may be joinzed together in the holy bands of wedlock. Then may the world object, we will have only each other to please and I know that the God and Giver of all will be pleased to smile propitiously upon those who love as dearly as Tute and

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Please let me know what I shall do about the salt for Mrs. Hauck.

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My Dearest Tute:

Your note of 17th instant was received this morning and I hasten to reply but fear, from the delay with which your letter has μ_{ET} ω_{ITH} , my answer (with which I enclose the permit you desired me to obtain for: Mrs. Houck) will have been received too late to facilitate or rather accelerate your kind aunt's movements. If such should be the case you will readily understand (from data furnished above) where the delay occurred (in the transmission of your letter) and will please state it to Mrs. Houck, in order that she may not think that it was from want of energy on my part.

I am happy to hear of your continued good health and trust it may please God to continue to you so great a blessing. Mine, though much improved, is not as good as it has been. I have nothing much to complain of when compared with that of thousands who daily and yearly are and have been martyrs to the disease of which I am now complaining, viz. asthma.

I am surprised to learn that you have received no letters from me for two weeks, having written three letters to you since my return from Edgefield. In my first I sent you \$1.25, the balance due the old megro who piloted me from the wilderness to your home and whom you promised me to pay when he next passed your home, which he stated would be on the next Sunday. The letter in question was written and mailed in order to reach you by the time specified for making the payment. As I have no change about my person sufficiently small to enclose I will have to put it off until I next write, which will be very soon. I will inform Cornelia of the reception of her letter and also of your intention to answer it.

Have you succeeded in obtaining any of your furniture from Augusta yet? That is a subject of considerable interest to me as upon it rest the chances of your visiting the City I believe. Please write me in your next letter how often your wagon or conveyance visits Augusta and, if I should have another opportunity of leaving the City, from whom could I obtain transportation to Valley Hall without losing, as I did before, three quarters of the day. Has my dearest ever visited the Bath Station since her adventure in Edgefield District?

Please make my kind regards to Mr. & Mrs. White and howdye to all the children. Shall I deliver the message which the girl (I forget her name as well as the message) wished me to. I mean the servant whom you told me you intended hiring out in Augusta. Goodbye dearest, write soon to your own

Richard