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Pocotaligo Nov 13th, 1863

My Dear Emmie,

I sent you a dispatch yesterday, stating the cause of my not being able to keep my promise. I am happy to say that the Dr thinks Apsley¹ better today, which is quite a relief, considering the nature of his attack, Sore throat, always you know an ugly customer for a 2 year old colt, for they cannot gargle, & the very sight of a spoon handle makes them yell. -- if nothing should prevent, I will be at Oak Lawn on Sunday. Manardie insists that the Trunk was not put on the Cars, & suggest that it might have been left at the So Ca depot-- it is really too serious a loss to be put at with quietly, & I will see the baggage master, who is a particular friend of mine, Thursday & give him a serious talk on the subject. We had an arrival here yesterday from Beaufort, William Habersham's Diria, who has returned to his Master, having left the Yankees in disgust. He is very intelligent, & gives a great deal of information. The Yankees he says cannot take Charleston by water, & Gilmore has called on Lincoln for 40,000 Troops to march on Branchville, -- the point of attack on this R.R. will be Ashepoo-- a feint being made on Savannah at the same time to draw Troops from Charleston. This plan looks proper enough, but how he has got his information I know not-- Should the Yankees raise the Siege of Charleston, they cannot of course give up a land attack, that, has to be made some time this Winter-- Our little Genl, in Charleston I hope will be prepared for such an event.--

With love to all & hoping to see you on Sunday

I am your aff Brother

T.R.S. Elliott

¹ Apsley Elliott died of fever in October 1867.

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J. R. P. Elliott