Jackson, Jan. 20, 12

Mr. W. J. Freer

Dear Sir,

Owing to various delays in my business, I shall not be able to leave this place for the Broken Plantation until tomorrow, consequently the masons will not be done by Thursday. I am sure you will be satisfied with them on that account.

First, pray Mr. Brown what is owing him? I hear from my brother who has just come up that the price of wood is generally not over four dollars. Mr. Brown will know
I would not like to demand
over the full amount price.
particularly of the Steamer
Peach Jones, as from her, having
a friend at the collection, I may
have favors done by her
where I know the case of
a boat,  on the River!  after
by  which I came back.  I shall
probably try & get the 200
barrels of corn to Martinez
on her,  Mary Wright sent to
me from Alabama.  In trade
shovels, are there any to
shove on Panama, the Turkey
took most of shovels on this
Alabama line. There is no word
news of any great importance
I think the River is more safe between
Hicksville & Port-Hudson
Yours Joseph Lowell
J. E. Longjoy

Washington, D.C.
JUNE 23, 1862

My Dear Sister Elizabeth,

I was sorry to see by your Letter to Clarkstown that you are suffering so much from disease—but suffering in some form is the condition of Life in this World, “The Mother Thorns entwined on all of Woman born.”

Your Boy Clark is a very steady little boy and I
am trying to beat the Latin grammar into him.
I am glad to see that you have comfort in all your children.
We have occasion also to be glad, that this far ours are dutiful.
I will behave. Sarah
writes all my children are very kind & dutiful.
among Sam is chief.
John is thinking of going to West on the
except Mary, however
soon he will see much. We'll see
for new are interesting
to him.
You must feel very anxious for your dear Boy in the army. Washington is now a capital of Hospitals, miles and more and covered with temporary buildings where the sick and suffer. The men groan—The men suffer in this war on the one side and on the other—Will be a vast multitude. It is believed that not much life than 8000 Rebels were killed in the Battle before Richmond. We get impatient.
at the slow movement of Mr. Sellan— but we hope for the best. Your Western boys have done themselves with honor.

Two days ago I had a letter from Mr. Vallarzewski. Tell Auntie Clarke calls him that, if Sir Isaac gets confirmed, Clarke will have a might smart sale on the old Quaker Sally— the old Quaker Sally— will be fine. Tell all the boys, you'll be all right.

Yours ag.

J. C. [Signature]