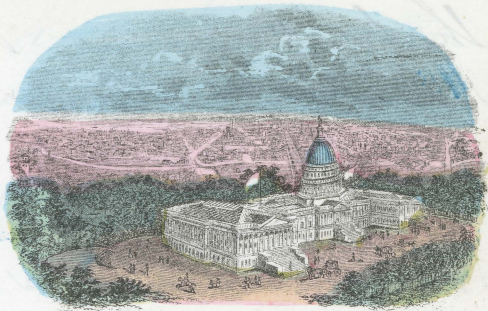




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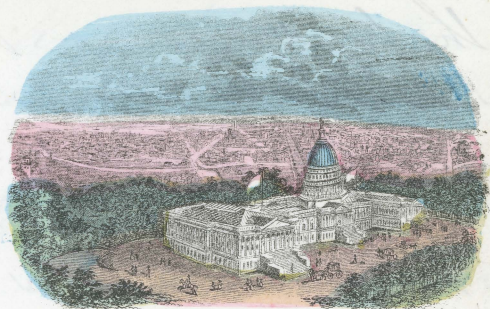
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Thos. Jefferson

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Dear Friend

it is with pleasure
that I improve the present moment
to answer your kind letter which
I received day before yesterday and
should have answered it before
but I was not able to write!!
I have been very sick for a few
days but are getting better now
it is snowing to day like from
but I suppose it will soon leave
us again as it thaws some now!!
We have had very disagreeable weather
here for a long time! raining most of

the time!! And it has got (very much I think) the most most be very near as deep here as the snow is there!! Be that as it may, I think I was over this in view of a Person Ever thinks of Home and Friends it is when they are sick!! Oh you know not the feelings that took possession of me when Reading your kind letter. I felt as though I could sacrifice almost anything to be at Home, and with my friends, you are not the least my friends, by great odds there is nothing that gives a soul more pleasure and happiness than to receive a letter from a dear friend and to know that he is thought of, and missed, from the circle of acquaintances, that were formed in happier days, now faded and gone forever!! I have often sat and mused over the pleasant hours, y^e. month that I have spent in the dear old school house, there on Pack River with the dearest

Friends I Ever Knew! But Alas it
 seems but a dream so good to Pass
 But this cannot always last, however
 there is Better Days Coming. We Can
~~Hope~~ And look forward for Brighter
 Days at least! And as you say I would
 But be too happy if it were to come this
 Spring or soon after!! War is ⁱⁿ ~~over~~ the
 Evil, to say our friends may be alive
 happy and enjoying all the benefits of
 a happy life!! And tomorrow may
 be stretched on a couch of sickness
 or Perchance lying in all the horrors
 of a bloody Battle field!! But never
 mind it will not do to think
 of such things, it will only help
 to make one feel more gloomy and
 unhappy!! you wished to know
 where Jacob was and why he did
 not write to you. I am sorry to say
 however that he is in the Hospital
 sick. He has been very sick with
 the fever, But is getting better now

I saw him yesterday and gave you
Compliments to him He was very
happy and returned the same! He
says He has written to you since
He received one from you!! Nathaniel
is well and says He would be very
glad to see you!! I was used to see John
Edwards a few days ago. He is in the
5th Wis. Regt. We had a drive time!!
John Connor was over here to see me
yesterday!! then Daniel is married
at least is He (or that is the news ^{you say} at least)
Well it is all well enough if He has
found one that suits him and is
foolish enough to have him!! you say
that you are not going to be married until
after the war! Good bye you!! it seems
to me that those fellows that are anxious
to leave their mothers will not fare very
well with the young ladies at home!
I think if you will have hard work to bear
this summer I cannot write very good
to say. Give my respects to the girls and love to
Catherine Hopery to hear from you soon I remain
your friend
Theodore