

Executive Department  
Milledgeville April 5<sup>th</sup> 1848

Dear Mother

I write to inform you that the two hams, eggs, butter, potatoes, & peas which you were kind enough to send us came safely to hand. Please accept our thanks for your kindness, for we are very much obliged. We are all in tolerably good health, Emma has got able to sit up but not able to do any thing. The babe has no name yet he is a fine fat boy, and is pretty bad spoiled. He expects me to take him as soon as I come in. Our horses got here safe, and we now have a good carriage and horses. We went out Saturday to Col. Campbell, two miles from the City and stayed for dinner. We took supper some night, dined at Beaufort, I have purchased a cow and we now get some milk but not enough to make much butter I spoke to Mr. Sews to have some lime sent to Newville I supposed it would get there time for Sews to bring it up when he went down with the Corn. I suppose it got there. I hope it may all be

ready so that the persons who may come  
down to fix the Graves may not be  
retained at our expense. I hope it  
will all be done in good style  
The weather is now fine here. The  
Spring Sums I have set in now  
in good earnest. I hope there may  
be no frost to kill the fruit or  
the wheat. I hope you will write  
us often. We are always glad to hear  
from you. Julius & Mary are  
going to school and learning  
well. Joe is well. Frank is about  
as he has been for some time.  
Ethel had did not take the  
measles, all the others have had  
it. Wife and all the children send  
love to you & Cousin Scott.  
Wife has two Suckles, looking  
them with young Chellies and I  
dont know how many more are  
setting. I supposed it best to put  
this in the care of you all

the particulars when she writes  
We have the finest mustard bed  
in the city with plenty of lettuce,  
Wephor has been dividing with her  
neighbors. We occasionally have shad  
they get them out of the River about  
a mile from here. Our peas look  
pretty well, we have a few bed of  
Onions, and very nice butts and  
parsnips coming on. We have  
planted our square in the garden in  
corn & beans, have 4 rows of bush  
beans set and had them hoed  
today. We have pretty white clover  
in the yard for our cows to eat  
and she has a very nice heifer calf.  
The cows stop favor five of wives  
husbands have died lately. Don't exactly  
know what was the matter. I believe  
this is about all the home news.  
Wife will give you particulars when  
she writes. She says this letter cut the tail  
the edge off of her next letter.

Affectionately your son  
Joseph E Brown

P.S. We have set out some early Gull  
Cabbages the red Jumper has a Corn  
rip thick, and the peas have been  
stuck some three weeks. Wife is starting  
to feed the old Shag high Newster.  
She thinks he is too large we have  
quadders large enough to begin to  
date I believe I have told all I can  
collect at present. Wife will I suppose  
write you the next evening. Write  
as all the news.  
J. E. B.