

Executive Department

Milledgeville April 5th, 1858

Dear Mother,

I write to inform you that the two hams, eggs, butter, potatoes, and peas which you were kind enough to send us came safely to land. 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 anything. Her babe has no name yet he is a firm fat boy, and is pretty bad spoilt. 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. Campbells two miles from the city and stayed for dinner. We took supper some nights some(?) at Dr. Forts. I have purchased a cow and we now get some milk, but not enough to make much butter. I spoke to Dr Lewis to have some lime sent to _____ I supposed it would get there time for Lewis to bring it up when he went down with the Corn. I suppose it got there. I hope it may all be

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ready so that the person who may come down to fix the graves may not be obtained at our expense. I hope it will all be done in good style. The weather is now fine here. The spring seems to 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 and Mary are going to school and learning well. Joe is well, Frank is about as he has been for some time. Little bud did not take the measles all the others have had it. Wife and all the children send love to you and Cousin Scott. Wife has two _____ [lodging?]. [Their] here with Young Ch___ and I dont know how many more are setting (?). I supposed it best to put them in she can give you all the particulars when she writes. We have the first mustard bed in the city with plenty of lettuce. Wife has been dividing with her neighbors. We occasionally have chad. They get them out of the river about a mile from here. Our peas look pretty well, we have a firm bed of onions, and very nice beets and parsnips coming on. We have planted our squares in the garden in corn and beans, have 4 rows of bunch beans up and had them hoed today. We have pretty white clovers in the yard for our cows to eat and she has a very nice heifer calf. She loves slop _____ few of wifes hens have died lately. Dont 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 _____ off of her next letter.

Affectionately your son

Joseph E Brown

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P.S. We have set out some early _____ cabbage the red peppers ha/u[---] come up thick, and the peas have been stuck some three weeks. Wife is threatening(?) to kill the old (sha?ghigh) Rooster. She thinks he is too large We have ??? large enough to begin to eat. I believe I have told all I can recollect at present. Wife will I suppose write you _____ soon Write us all the news
JEB