

I received Sarah's letter
that you forwarded to
me and I wish you had
opened it as she wrote for
her dear to be sent to
her in Jennelle, I have
written to her that you
did not open the letter
and she must write to
you about it, but perhaps
Howell cannot do
what he went. They
did not seem hurt at
Mattie's not going but
were very sorry and
hoped she might yet
come. Sarah had
her brother had written
to them that Howell
had promised to bring
you down after the
Legislature adjourned
& expected great pleasure
at the thought of
their seeing you all
during their visit.

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Your more than welcome
letter was received on Saturday, and you can judge of
the pleasure it gave me, by its being answered so soon
hoping it may have as good luck as my last, and
be the means of bringing me such another treat.

Sincerely glad was I to hear you all kept so well
and that your dear brother was with you, it would have
been so hard upon you & Howell too if he had had to go
and leave you alone, I do hope your brother will be able
to stay some time with you, as I know you enjoy his
company more than any one else male or female.

Your letter also relieved my mind very much about
your Papa, I have not as yet had a line from Anne
who I wrote to Marion and then requested your Papa
to get her or John to write to me as soon as he got
home, and I wrote to him as soon as I reached this place
We were looking for Laura every day, and as you say I was
overburdened with fears about them, till late in the
week Milly got a letter from Williams written in Forsyth
saying they had not time to come by, when he wrote for
his buggy to be sent for him Black Tom was sick and
John had to hire a man to carry the buggy, & he did not

leave Athens till wednesday and reached Crawford on
Saturday night, they had then to push for home as Wilkins
wished to be in Atlanta today, he said all were well, we were
all much cast down at not seeing them, and I cannot
imagine why none of them have written to be, I hope Tom
has got well or Bob would have told you if any thing serious
had been the matter, Tom has written to Judson from
Columbus saying he wished him to attend the Supreme
Court in Macon in his place, as that sets next week
Judson cannot go to Milledgeville till it is over, when
he will take Mattie over with him to Milledgeville, I have
not yet decided upon the time when I shall go home, I am
waiting till I hear from them and know how your Papa
gets along without me, I have written to Mary Athena to
know if she will send me from the Cowpens home &
shall await her answer, unless something is the matter
at home that will hurry me on. Mattie has had great atten-
tion paid her by Ladies & gentlemen and she & Milly & Joe
are all now in the parlor with company, but I preferred
writing to my dear absent children, so I did not join the
party, I think I can almost tell how you are fixed up
in your old quarters, and see you with my precious little
darling in the rocking chair, and dear little Mary Ann
padding backwards & forwards kissing her mouth or patting
her head, and my own little Howell playing first with
one & then the other of his sweet sisters, you must kiss
them every day for grandma & not let them forget me.
I was sincerely glad to hear you had had so many visitors
as it will keep you pretty well employed to return all their
calls, Mary White I hope will come then to see you, as

I believe you took as great a fancy to her as Mattie did, she is certainly a very sweet girl, and I was very much pleased with Mary Williams too, she is beautiful. I could ^{not} help laughing at your being in a quandary about acting as manager of a ball but as the scripture you quoted was very appropriate to the occasion, I think you were right to act as your feelings dictated. I fear Mattie will not be able to get back in time for the party. I am glad to see Mrs Beale is as kind as ever, and Mr Mitchell acts like a good neighbour, I should have liked very much to have tasted his fresh shad, it is the first I have heard of this season, I hope some will find their way here after a while. You seem to be going on first rate with your butter, and will miss it when you get back to old Athens, it is almost as scarce here as hens teeth.

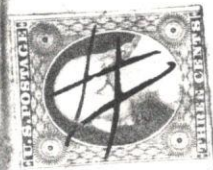
The weather will keep good so that you can en-
in returning your calls & dear little Mary is
us about in her little carriage, she loves visiting
and she has been so closely confined all the winter it makes
it so much more pleasant to her now to enjoy the fresh air
I sincerely ^{hope} my dear boys in Macon keep well & contented
I expect they miss Uncle John very much, you must always
give my love to them when you write. All keep pretty well
little Howell has been troubled with some of his old com-
plaints, but like Mary Ann he seems to getten on them
Thoscombe can almost sit alone and is as quiet a baby as
my dear little Laura, Milly can leave him at any time &
he seldom cry's. Judson has a bad cough and he seems to
be low spirited about it, & Milly is uneasy too, as she says
his sister was first taken with a cough, but I hope & trust
nothing serious is the matter, for I dont know what would

Of his family if he was taken from them, I much fear he is
hard pushed any how, I say this to you in confidence. Write
as soon as you can do so conveniently, you dont know how
much good one of your letters does me, but I do not want
you to try your eyes to gratify me, My dear Howell is I
hope now safely with you. Judson Milly & Mattie join me
in much love to you & him and your brother & many
kisses are sent my darlings from all both big & little

Mrs Howell Cobb,

Milledgeville

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Remember me to all the servants especially Uncle
Davy & Aunt Jenny. May God bless you all and
preserve you in health & safety is the daily prayer
of your devoted mother

Sarah R Cobb