Tallahassee July 21st 1864

Well my dear Maria, you are at last (if we may credit our last letter) safely arrived in the haven of yr. hopes, and enjoying the pleasant company of yr. hospitable friends, and in anticipation the renovating influence of the salubrious incorporating climate to which you have flown. You must dismiss bad feelings now—pain is not admissible—nor is physic! Such in fact are the long walks, as long as you can endure. But I repeat take no remedies—and in a few weeks you will find yr. appetite strengthen returning, and Cousin Jane will soon not be able to recognise in the bright eye of very healthy smile of returning health, the poor sickly, hollow eyed, green looking, melancholy little girl that once upon a time threw an ominous line of shadow over our hospitable board. So now I have by no means forgot you when I can after so many days draw such an exact portrait! I was much grieved to hear of yr. detentions on the way. They were provoking indeed. But having got through safe in life & limbs, you have reason to such time as there to be most thankful. I am glad to hear that Cousin Henry was so kind to you, though I was sure he would be. I hope he did not suffer as much himself as I feared he would. Do you feel safe where you are? It is unbounded here that we
I said is contemplated by the Yankees on Columbus. In Ohio. 

Three are starving now, there is no chance of ever even whole. It was expected yesterday that the Yankees were advancing on State City but it turned out a mistake. Suppose and nothing else unless Johnson takes are force to give way. I shall comprehend. We have heard nothing very recently from either. Nothing since the fall back on the Chattaehoochee. I trust that all is well. Bro. Jack & Josephine arrived yesterday, and I shall return their visit next week. I suppose you see the papers. I have been all the exciting news of the last ten days. I have heard nothing from Hillbrook. I greatly fear that the intercursus act. is now partially resumed. will be continually broken during the next two months. So you must do the best you can in Georgia, and have your visit to Va. for the 11 year of glorious peace. I have all including letters I don't know from whom I heard today are well, and all have send love. I enclose an order on ye. Cousin, Henry in ye. favor for some money. I paid for him here. This will replenish yr. exhausted fund somewhat. Write me if you need any more at present. I have no time to write a longer letter. I hope you must excuse me until next time. Remember me kindly to ye. Cousin Jane & Sammy & Henry. I tell be much pleased to see them all return with you. I do know that you. T. Epperson