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But you do'nt allude to it But it is a trial of my faith and I can still say with the Psalmist search me O God and know my heart. Margaret rec'd a letter from you about six weeks ago, you was then on Warsaw island in Ga, I wrote to you in answer to that, with her; and I have ^written two or three others since you went to SC, In one I wrote a note to Mr Howe and in another I wrote to Your good Father Buzzel, and I would like to to know if you rec'd them, and I would like to know, if he is still labouring among you there, I am truly thankful to learn, that you are well, and so well off at present, for I could'nt avoid having a great many conjectures concerning you, May be you ^have not heard from Joseph since he left N.Y, If so I will inform you, he is in fort Jefferson in Fla, I rec'd a letter from him not long since in which he says he has

had the small from but he how been vaccinated, so it went lighter with him, He said he was feeling fretty well when he wrote, but said he had come out all over with sores, There had been several cases of small from in their Megt, and beside that they are greatly in want of good water for the island where they ene affords no boesh water, They are un un alowence of water, poor as it is, you will know a little how to sympathize with him. I hope you will write to him, His address is Fort Jefbarson Tha be bytheyt AHOW We haven't have a letter from Elmer for about four weeks, but are hoping every day to get me. I mailed a letter to your brilly the day I read yours, sequesting her to write I recel yours, requesting her to write a wish to you, for me, so perhaps you will get, and I do broke you will try to write as after as you can, and

had the small pox, but he has been vaccinated, so it went lighter with him, He said he was feeling pretty well when he wrote, but said he had come out all over with sores. There had been several cases of small pox in their Regt, and beside that they are greatly in want of good water for the island where they are affords no fresh water, They are on an allowance of water, poor as it is, You will know a little how to sympathize with him. I hope you will write to him, His address is Fort Jefferson Fla Co C 7<sup>th</sup> Regt NHU We hav'nt had a letter from Elmer for about four weeks, but are hoping every day to get one.

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