

with your misfortune with as much composure
as possible because so much depends on serenity
and cheerfulness of mind and feeling for the pres-
ervation of life in your case. I sincerely wish I
could be with you to assist Augusta in her care
of you - I hope it will not be many weeks before
you will be able to travel and return us here
where you can enjoy the presence of your whole
family and many friends - friends of whose
affection, you cannot doubt - I saw John How-
ard today than whom you have no better or truer
friend - He said, ^{I am} just going to sit down to write
to "Geeth." - I am spending all my time just
now with the Masons who are building our
cellar walls - They are about half done -

Albert Gardner called in an our more ago
and said some Bengals entered Lt. Peire
Laid Oil office last night and with gun-powder
blew off the lock of his safe: but found only
about \$3 - - Love to you both -

Saml. Power

Day letter

June 5th 1864

My dear Augustin. I remem-
ber of May 31st yesterday and
would have answered it imme-
diately but I went to the new lot
and then to call on baby, I found
C. cleaning house, so I had to
nurse all the afternoon, C. said
there was no meat but I thought I
would. And baby was so pleased
to be with me. I did not wish to
go. She seems very happy and
quite at home, and has improv-
ed in appearance, I've told C. she
ought to have weighed her, that
she might see how much she gains.
She, indeed, appears much heavier
to me. Our little ones at home
are well, Probbie, sometimes com-
plains of being "tired" but I think
it is the heat and his being so fat.

Mother's letter, June 5th 1864

Lella is attending school, regularly now. The few first days of thy absence, I did not insist on her going, but allowed her to do as she wished. She is somewhat restless and wishes to visit oftener than we think profitable, but will submit to what we require, and I do not wish thee to be uneasy on her account or on the boys, or mine, I get on very well with them.

We are all so anxious about L., that the time seems long between letters and we anxiously look for one which says he is quite out of danger, and we want it "officially".

I and we all, are anxious about dear Willie, we have heard nothing from him since 21st of May. The Regiment was in camp near Kingston Georgia. There has been some fighting since, and we want to hear

Peter Lowe called to say he was going to Washington, and to see if we wished to send anything to thee but it was before thy request came and we only sent a letter. I have a bad headache, and will get Father to finish for me. Much love to you both from
Mother

Your mother has left me nothing to say which can either amuse or interest you - I feel very anxious to say or do something to cheer Mr. Braen but have so little talent in that way that I may not attempt it - I am glad that Mr. Chase found time and inclination to call on him and especially that ^{he} offered him the hospitalities of his house - A great ^{many} inquiries are made of me as to the condition of the Mayor - Many from real friends and a few perhaps from curiosity and common courtesy - The tone and manner of the inquiries generally indicate the sincerity of the inquirer, or the want of it. To Mr. Braen I will say I hope you will bear