

My dear Callie

I am sorry that I cannot come over to see you all to day but I am very much indisposed and am not able to ride about -

I can truly sympathize with you dear Ma & all of you - I felt like I would almost die when the summons came for my dear boy - It seemed to me that I was parting with him for the last time

The thought of his going to battle was almost beyond endurance, and Emiline just gave up in despair -

But Mr E J Early was here this morn and consoled me somewhat - He saw Mr Page yesterday and he says the troops are just gone to Richmond to guard the city and to be in readiness when they are needed - He does not think there will be an engagement for some time if at all

He says he thinks in 10 days Gen Lincoln & his tribe will have deserted the city of Washington - He is very sanguine of success of our part

The Lord grant that it may be so & that our beloved children & friends may all return again to us in health & safety - Johnny went away so cheerful - Poor Clarence tried to be as cheerful as he could but I could see that he was very much hurt to see us so much distressed - if they are not brought into danger it will be a good thing for them I hope, Mr Early says they are as happy as they can be - I sincerely hope & pray that the difficulty may yet be settled without the loss of the lives of our dear fellow citizens & that all of those Northern Scamps may go to their own places & let us & our institutions alone

Tell Cos Gue dont forsake us - I wish I could see you all & talk matters over - I hope we will hear better news than we expected by yr Pa  
Your Aunt Peggy was with us yesterday and

Truly sympathize with yr Ma & all of us  
Squim wife is grieving almost to death  
Tell yr Ma please send me some peas &  
yr Aunt B. and Coos Anne I want  
some if she has them to spare. Come  
over, You & Coos I've Day love to her & yr Ma  
yrs affectionately  
E. L. Haden

Brother Callie Anthony  
of Savannah