

Hawkins Town March, 31st [1862]

My Dear Sister:

I received your letter of the 28th. by Coupland Page today and as I have a good opportunity to send a letter as far as Staunton or perhaps even to Lexington I will reply.

I have just seen a list of the prisoners copied from the Baltimore Commercial in which all the names are mentioned except Bell and Nelson whom I fear are badly wounded; the rest are confined in the Baltimore jail. George Junkins name is also mentioned. They have 264 prisoners and 425 in killed and wounded which makes our loss in killed and wounded and taken prisoner 689.

I am very sorry to hear that Bill Moffetts wound will prove dangerous. I wrote to Senora Woods to let her know about Watson. I was out to the Militia camp today, Cousin John was well. I also saw Rutherford

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and Uncle James team. I do not know when they will send it home as they need all teams they can get at present as they are moving quartermaster and commissary stores from Mt. Jackson to Staunton.

And now my dear Sister about the other and most essential part of your letter "My spiritual well fare", the voice of a Mother, Sister, the early death of a brother, two bloody battle fields all warn me of the shortness and uncertainty of life, but still I remain a hardened sinner. Sometimes I try to give myself to Christ but the world lures me on and again I am in the same old state. I indeed wish I was a Christian, but some profess to be Christians who really are not which I think is mockery. God grant that I may soon become a True Christian. Good Bye.

God protect and bless you.

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