

Hamden, Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 1863

Dear Brother

I was up  
to the village yesterday and  
Nell read to me one of your  
letters stating that you have  
been sick and must have  
been very sick but are recovering  
but you are accustomed to be  
sick a great deal so you  
do not think much of it  
I expect, and I am glad to  
think you got along so well  
We are all well here at pre-  
sent and are having some sle-  
ighing now for a few days  
the winter so far is very mild  
a thing that we did not expect  
in Dec. But with you I sup-  
pose that you will get cheated  
out of Winter that is a winter

with snow, it must be very pleasant to you to thus to escape the extreme of heat and cold if the society was as good as <sup>it is</sup> here it would be a great chance to settle on some good location in <sup>that</sup> part of the country But it will be a long time to for it will be after the war, safe to make it a place of residence I think by what I can learn that your place will be attacked in the course of a few <sup>the</sup> months by the Rebels they feel sore about it and will make a ten strike if they own it will be a long time yet before this war is over with It now has just commenced in earnest and when a battle is fought it will be a hard one let it be where it may Old Butter is going

back to N. Orleans and that is  
 a good thing he is one of the  
 go ahead kind and we want  
 more of them and I think we  
 will find them yet and I  
 am firm in the belief  
 that we will yet in time restore  
 the Union, <sup>But not as it was I hope</sup> every Nation prepares  
 it own cup. We have made ours  
 very bitter. But we must drink  
 it, I have no news to write you  
 that I can think of. But  
 I want you to write to me  
 and give a description of the  
 places on Soil names and  
 Customs climate So yes and  
 the central lands to  
 Please to answer soon as  
 Yours &c Wm Mallory