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Letter from George W. Porter to Francis P. Porter

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Bolivar Tenn Oct 24th, 1862.

Dear Sister Frank:

Yours of the 12th, inst, was recd, a few days since, and perused with much pleasure. You know not with what anxiety, I always await a letter from Home. The dearest place on earth to me, I wish you would always write lengthy letters, and give me all the news. I suppose as you have got out from among that Infernal, Set. That they will not bother you, I hope & pray you will not be troubled any more (on my account at least,) and that you will all be contented & happy, also that our new Home will be as pleasant & delightful as our old one always was. In fact: Dear Sister, we have always been blessed with the kindest of Parents, ever are they to be remembered, Well Sis as regards that letter of Bills.

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Show them more letters, And those I think much more valuable should they try to make a case of it. You keep those letters I left with you very close, Be careful to lose any of them, Nor open the packages, I hope Esther came down & you got to give her thunder I think I did well to say nothing & take it all as long as I did, As regards his showing letters, He can show all I ever wrote him, for what I care, They will amount to nothing, I have not been asleep. I have always been very carefull what I wrote him, especially since I left, I wish I were there for him to talk to, Instead of Father, I would smash him if he tried to put any thing on me, I will remember all this, And call for a settlement some day, As regards any of them getting me into a scrape, There is not one of them, (with all their lying) that is sharp enough, I intend to always be on my guard, They have all tried to do all in their power

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Miss S. P. Porter
Clinton
De Witt County
Illinois

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