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Dear Sister Frank! yours of the 12th, inst, was Reed, a few days Lines, and fernsed with much pleasure you know not with what appriety, 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 Sufefiore as you have got out from among that Infernal, Let. That they will not bother you, I hope & feray you will not be howbled any more (on my account at least,) and That you will all be contented & happy, also that our new House will be as pleasent & delightful as our old one always was In fact Dear Lister, tol have always been blessecowith tukinded of Parentis, Ever are they to be remembered, Well Tis at regards That letter of Bills.

had he not tried to take the blame Show Them more letters, and Those I Think much more valuable Thoula off of Eber & fut is on to me. I would never have consented to let Duas, Lie's, they try to make a case of ir. You Keep those letters I left with you very I might have cleared myself in the first felace by merely Showing a few letters Close, Be coreful to lose any of them, I have, But as I thought Bill was a hor afrom the fackages I hope Esther came down & you got to give her thundered friend of mine. He would not let me lie under what they all tried to put Think I did well to Lay nothing & Lake it all as long as I did, as Regardohis on me. When he tenew I was not quitty. Thowing letters, He can Thowall I ever at last I began to doubt his honor & went to him & told him, If the did not go wrote him for what I care They will aut, I clear the thing up, It soot I would to nothing, I have not been asleep. I have be comfeelled to clear is up myself, by always been very careful what I wrote him. Thorring this letter, (you sheak of) He especially Lines I left I wished were there fromised to do, so, But I find by long for him to talk to, Instead of Father, I and fratient waiting, the didn't intered would much him I he tried to put any to . and of course Father done perfectly thing on me, I will Remember all this, Rights by reading the letter to them, as and call for a Lettlement some day, as regards any of them gelling me into a they all tried to throw the lie on me In fact there is not one of them thank Lorape, There is not one of them with enough to war on the time, Eather lied of all their lying) That is Short enough burnt The letter, now if they want to I intend to always be on my quard, They Lase any more fuss about in, I can have all tried to do all in their frower

against me ever Lines of can cominber. For all they are making, I think They might as well quit, It is a wonder yohn didn't Slap Bill's game for him. I want you in your next to give me Hatter & Inther's opinion of this matter, What aid Quad, Lay, When he found which way the wind was going to blow, give me all The franticulars in your next, I will Lay nothing to our folks, Please reserve all my letters, I will want them for Refference when I neturn, you can Just feut then in my truck, I was pleased to hear you were all in good Spirits I heart. I hope this will Continue, Bully for the Draft, I hope They will fut Those Jellowo This. ugh, Louincy has not come yet. I hope he will be here Loon, of Course will Lend my Photograph, If he comes, I would send is any: how, but those artists here are of no account, of have nothing more of interest I will Close, give my love & Hest respects to fall, write immediately, I will be anxious to know how you like The west, I know you cano, help liking in, I expect to see you all soon, Keep in good hears there is a prov Lod who doethall things well, Please write immediately. I Remain your appoilmant brother. G. K. Failer,

P Porter Devite County Willinois,



October 24, 1862

Addressed to Miss F.P. Porter

Clinton, Dewitt County, Illinois

Bolivar, Tenn. Oct 24th, 1862

Dear Sister Frank:

Yours of the 12th, inst, was received 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 and pray you will not be troubled any more (on my account at least) and that you all will be contented & happy. Also that our new house will be as pleasant & delightful as our old one always was. In fact, Dear Sister, we have always been blest with the kindest of parents ever are they to be remembered.

Well Sis as regards that letter of Bills, had he not tried to take the blame off of Eber & put it on to me, I would have never consented to let Quad see it. I might have cleared myself in the first place by merely showing a few letters I have. But, as I thought Bill was a friend of mine, he would not let me lie under what they all tried to put on me. When he knew I was not guilty, at last I began to doubt his honor & went to him & told him. If he did not go & clear the thing up, I would be compelled to clear it up myself by showing this letter, you speak of. He promised to do so, but I find by long and patient waiting, he didn't intend to. And, of course, Father done perfectly right by reading the letter to them as they all tried to throw the lie on me. In fact, there is not one of them sharp enough to put any of their lies on me. Esther lied & burnt the letter. Now if they want to make any or fuss about it, I can 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 not 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 careful what I wrote him especially since I left. I wish I was there for him to talk to. Instead of Father, I would smash him if he tried to put anything 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 against me ever since I can remember. For all they are making, I think they might as well quit. It is a wonder that John didn't slap Bill's jaws for him. I want you in your next to give me Father's and Mother's opinion of this matter. What did Quad say? when he found which way the wind was going to blow. Give me all the particulars in your next. I will say nothing to our folks. Please preserve all my letters. I will want them for reference when I return. You can just out them in my trunk.

I was pleased to hear you were all in good spirits & hearty. I hope this will continue. <u>Bully</u> for the draft. I hope they will put those fellows. Quincy has not come yet. I hope he will be here

soon. I of course will send my photograph. If he comes I would send it anyhow but those artists here are of no account. I have nothing more of interest. I will close. My love and best respects to you all. Write immediately. I will be anxious to know how you like the west. I know you can't help liking it. I expect to see you all soon. Keep in good heart. There is a just God who does all things well. Please write immediately. I remain your affectionate brother.

G.W. Porter