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Letter from George W. Porter to Francis P. Porter

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La Grange Tenn. Nov. 18th. 1862.
Dear Sister Frank:

I avail myself of this present opportunity, of acknowledging the receipt of your kind and welcome favor of the 9th. Inst. I had not heard from you for so long, I had concluded you had taken the wrong road, and instead of going to Ills. you had gone somewhere else. I was much pleased to learn of your safe trip. Also of you all being so well pleased and in such fine spirits. In fact. I know not how you could be otherwise than pleased, with a Country like that. I hope Father will enjoy himself better than while amongst that set about Hopewell. I for one never want to see any of them. How does Meda appear to be satisfied. She is a Splendid girl. I have not had a letter

from Father since you left Ohio. I
received one from John the same day
I got yours. He said nothing about
losing Blackhawk. Where, when & how did
it happen? By whom were the sheep
sent? I know nothing about it. Who do
you think poisoned the horse? I think
from your description of things. You are
fixed up pretty well. Your table is a much
better one than I have been using for
nearly a year. I would much rather
you were in the Country. Rent I think
is pretty steep. I think from the price
of corn, you can afford to keep nice
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hear of you being so kindly received.
I hope Cookkins will remain friendly.
I think well of Richey. He has been over
to see me. I was to see him also. You app-
ear to have plenty of company. I suppose
Hannah is a young woman by this time.
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fine times. Does Father intend going on
a Farm? I think he had not better by just
yet. However he knows more about this than
I do. I want him to have a nice little
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He is so well pleased by getting away
from Ohio. Did he get things straightened
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will stay with Father. I recd. a note
from Bill Starkey a few days since,
giving me glister for showing that letter.
You had better think I wrote him a keen
word. I hope we may never be bothered with
any of the name. I think they have about
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winter, I think it will be rather doubtful.
Don't flatter yourselves with my coming.
I intend to come if I can. I am much
pleased with those things Sherrard brings
me. The Cake was good. I divided it
among all my boys. And Tola Chen
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Said they had eaten Cakes & Pies of
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I hope you will have a pleasant visit among
the friends at Bloomington. I hope Grand-
mother will come home with you. I
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