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Letter from Mary Armstrong to Francis P. Porter

Mary Armstrong
At home, Dec. 8th, 1863.

Dear Frank,

I suppose the chair is gone this morning. Indeed it seems surprising for your mother not to have got it. I hope very much you are improving in health. The mail letters which you mentioned are here. The one for you is the one I expect to hear from you again. Why don't you come over here? I will take an excursion at all. You will disappoint all of us if you don't come. I have written to Mama. Don't you know all about that one? That I just received a letter from Miss Matilda. She sends her love to all and said she would like to have a good talk with your mother. I have been to one or two parties since I came here. So I danced at it. The first dancing done here by some few. Several here are going on the Old Portis and Capt. Conklin daughters. So come on...
Said daddy has been very sick with
Sickle Cell and Charlie died with it. Dan is
at Concord going to school.

P.S.
September 8, 1863

At home, Sep 5th, 63

Dear Frank,

    I express the _________ to you this morning. Enclosed is some _________ for your mother’s “undergarments” and enough for ____________ a pair of pants. A little for whichever one of the _____________ Siblings. I almost despair of ever hearing from you again. Why don’t you come up? I will take no expense at all. You will disappoint all of us if you don’t come. I have written to _________ but you know all about that are this. I just received a letter from sister Matilda. She sends her love to all and said she would like to have a good talk with your mother. I have been to one of those ___________ parties since I came home. _________ he danced at it the first dancing done here by myself. ___________ are very anxious to see Col. Porter and Cap’t Conklin’s daughter. He came up right __________. I am nearly dead with the ___________. I have not time to write more. Hoping to see you soon and with my love to all the family, I remain

    Ever Loving
    Mead

P.S. _________ has been very sick with ____________ and Charlie died with it. Dan is at home and going to school.

    In haste,
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