July 7th 1853 Alabama

Dear Mother

I improve the present in writing you a few lines which will make the second letter I have sent to Carolina I since I wrote you last, - My family have been a greatdeal unwell since my return, & being larger than it was I g[illegible] very little leisure for writing - I trust you will excuse my not writing you more frequent - for I know it to be my duty - the reasons above stated are all the apology I have to offer - a short time after our return we lost one of our most valuable & favorite Negroes - Bill - old Jack's son - his complaint was Typus fever - Our Blacks all send howdy to Old Mistress & all her Black people - - Mary Jane often speaks of her Grandmother & wants to know when I am going to see her - I tell her the road is too long - I dont know that we shall ever see her again in this world - if we do right we may all meet her in the good world - that her Grandmother is trying to get there & she must - says Mother I dont want to die to go to Heaven to see

Grandmother Powe or Grandmother Scott either - I want to go to Carolina to see them.

Mama ~~sends~~ sends a great deal of love & thanks to you for all your kindness to her, Sarah also sends howdy to Grandmother - Mary Jane says tell Grandmother she must come to Alabama to see us - & Mr Spencer joins me in love to yourself & howdy to the Black people all - rem[illegible]r me affection=ately to all our relation[illegible] [illegible]rother Sam & Brother Oliver's families & believe me ever your grateful & affectionate Daugh=ter

E N Spencer

My love to Aunt Taylor if with you I trust the dear old lady's eyes may be opened to see the distance she has wandered from the right way - as we all believe -

I refer you to Thomas for all respecting us ——