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Cousin Theophilus;

I am going to write to you again although I believe I wrote to you last. I saw my step father a few days ago Mother was there as well as usual. Our friends over in York & Harford Counties are all well I saw Henry C. Stump not long ago. Aunt Duckett is well but is now beginning to feel the effects of extreme old age Time you know will overcome the most vigorous constitution. I sometimes receive letters from Dr Rogers, Delaware. He is well.

Cousin Robert N. Glasgow has gone to housekeeping and is now settled down a regular married man.

It has been very dry here this

summer, vegetation was nearly all burned up.

The war still continues with undiminished rancor and with vacillating success. But let us hope that the glorious old banner will yet wear Supreme that our nation will remain ever united and inseparable.

Drafting is now in progress in this County, although it has sent over two Regiments of Volunteers yet 2000 men must be drafted.

This city having already sent her number is exempt from the present draft a fortunate thing for me. But if 300,000 more are called out I shall have to stand my chance with the rest.

I was out a short time with the state Militia to repel invasion but the victory of McClellan soon caused their discharge from

service.

We all would be very glad to see you in East; we would be delighted to have you visit us. One may as well visit and live easy these uncertain times.

Give my very best love to Uncle, Aunt, Cousin Almira & Suckett; also to Uncle Morgan & family; and Aunt Anfield & family.

Do not forget to write soon to
Your friend & Cousin
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