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your letter my beloved brother
 was most gratefully received, and
 and the dear hints have been
 very kind in writing frequently
 to keep my useless during the
 fearful period of your tribulation.
 Yours too came safely. Mrs Mayo
 came to see me a few days ago -
 and says Col Grove was much pleased
 with his intercourse with you (notwith-
 standing your difference in politics)
 I am surprised Major M has not
 answered your letter. no mention
 was made on the subject, Norace seeing
 it advertised told him about it. I
 subsequently heard it had been removed.
 The Major's associates here - are among
 the disaffected (The Ingalls - Monroie
 Robinson, Mr B Reed etc) so I fear what
 each sentiment he might have enter-
 tained in the beginning they are now
 so far implicated on the wrong side
 that he will find it difficult to succeed

Now Anna, is victimized being the
only loyal member of the household.
The subject therefore nearest all our
hearts is never discussed in their
household - I am very much concerned
to hear that Minnie & her family
are so badly situated in Mo. as I
fear, she is too much influenced by the
Southern maice to be comfortable
among your union patriotic family.
but in the country there will be less
to conflict with - unfortunately there are
too many sympathizers in the wrong
cause, in all our cities. I think Sally
Hays is becoming more rational, her
health improves. I think I mentioned
that Howard has some employment
in the uppers office in N.Y. I hope
enough to cover his expenses, for I have
no faith in the productiveness of his
"Incheater." tho' both he & Minnie told me
it had yielded \$10,000 by some contracted
he had effected. Howard's hopefulness
runs so far a head of his experience
that it is a pity he does not employ
his talents on surer grounds.
I am glad to hear Dear Bechard is at
home. God grant there may be no

Lizzie writes me that her Father
strive with all might, to avert the
evil - in vain, she also says ~~things~~
^{every} word about the destitution of the
noble Army is true - Their great
would not move until they were
clad - They marched by here, bare
footed & ragged - so that her Mother
even on Sunday all day gave needles
and thread to mend their rags -
where can the fault be, that such
things can exist, when such quantities
of clothing & shoes are furnished?

We hear the enemies doctors are
well clad - and our brave doctors
are suffering - "There is ^{some} rottonness in
the state of Denmark." who can find
it out? - I am glad your dear
girls are so usefully employed
and trust your home will be cheer-
ful & happy by their efforts & improve-
ment - Edward Letting is rather
better, his son Theodore, will soon
leave for Newport, for the Naval
Academy. They hear frequently from
Charles, who writes very manly letters
having chosen the Army as his
profession, does not complain of the
hardships of a soldiers life. He still
seals his best love to you, accept
mine my beloved Brother & Mary
God bless you & yours. Affectionately