

Friday Night Sept 24th 1863

I have so entirely recovered from my indisposition, that I was sorry my Beloved Brother & you had been made anxious about it. Dear Ann & Miriam told me about your journey and its results. I was glad Ann, and to Shelby's wife were saved the painful necessity for a longer journey. These are times when every day's events are eagerly enquired for and we are grateful when ~~no~~ sad events or threatened dangers are not recorded.

I have felt a great deal for you my Dear Brother, who for so many months have been anxiously watching, and striving to avoid

the dangers around. This
dreadful rebellion seems
hopeless-headed, I hoped when
the Victor Morgan was defeated
Kentucky would have rest
and the law abiding com-
munity restored order and
security - but it seems you
are still surrounded by evil spi-
rits, requiring the strong arm of
authority - I am grieved that
you were obliged to make sacri-
fices so near home, but if you
get released from the presence
of care, it is by no means to be
lamented. No property, no wealth
can be enjoyed while a deep
seated obligation is left to prey
on the mind. Thank God you
have domestic love & happiness
around you, which I trust you
may long revert to, and use
health to enjoy. I'll write more

like a Soldier - sans fear
or reproach - poor Luma! she
glories in his position, not with-
standing a Mother's fears for
his safety - Charles Ething is at
present on duty here where
he will probably be detained
for some weeks - The shore
at sea.

I am much concerned at
Luma's illness, hope her
visit to Lexington will prove
beneficial please give my love
to her and to my other dear
niece - Horace sends his love
to you & them. He yesterday
received a letter from Mary
Moses, enclosing one for her
husband, to be forwarded
she writes like a loving, dis-
tried wife. Would her husband
could be restored to his family.
God bless you my own
dear Brother, be cheerful &
happy pray's yours devoted
Sister Rhoda,