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Alfred has seen him, as he says
 nothing about it. I hope he has
 returned to Lu, and is with his family.
 I am truly glad to hear that you
 have so fine a crop. it is very
 necessary to all, and particularly
 to refugees. the crops are coming
 down on us so heavily, I don't
 know what we will do.
 they made us pay on top of our
 six hundred dollars on the wheat
 we got last year for the hire of
 our mangers. I believe government
 has taken most of it, and they I
 believe allow us \$3. a bushel, and
 we are sure to get at the rate of \$4 per
 bushel. our W. paid is under
 protest and has written to his
 long secretary of treasury for
 this Department. they say in
 Sept, our tax will be about
 \$1.00 per bushel. just refugees that were!

making nothing it seems right
 but our crops are very abundant
 the cotton needs rain. we have
 had none for three or four
 weeks. I hope Mary's little girl
 has entirely recovered. I mean little
 Bern that was so badly hurt
 she must have undergone a
 great deal of suffering. I have
 not heard from Mary for
 sometime. Mr. Wightman
 leaves in the morning for the
 garden. Selim, in search of salt.
 he wants six thousand lbs, &
 gets one third for hauling.
 if he gets back safely it will be
 a very good bargain. Selim is
 kept new, and I see he will
 last us a long time. but it is
 a long hot trip to take now.
 it is over one mile from here.
 I suppose you are getting on

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firmly with the evening. Weather
made a very good beginning. I
am getting along very well now
since my return. We have given
up the idea of going to see for the
present. it is become so warm, it
would be a very unpleasant trip
we intended starting soon but
found so much to see and
attend to here, that it was impossible
to leave. the Texas people are true
sharp for Mr. Brewster, they
got the better of him in all of
his bargains. it is getting late I must
close my letters. Please when you
see Mrs. Offutt & Ben's family and
the girls, give my best love to
them all. Mrs. W. sends her
kind regards. Hoping to hear
from you soon I remain
yours most truly,

Ellie
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