

Did you get my letter while in Attakapas (traveling) sister Mary & yourself for  
the things you both sent me. I wrote to sister Mary & Charlie to you.  
Since I commenced  
writing my letter  
I concluded to have  
it with Charles went  
to Texas, knowing it  
would go more direct.  
So the mean time  
Charlie has been  
to the report and  
was caught & put  
in the dump. So  
it not to do.  
Please to help, do  
all you can to  
get him out. If  
any one ought to  
be exempt, he can  
by does belong to  
that number, 3.  
Know you are  
greatly the  
generally means  
ful in 5<sup>th</sup>  
you are under take  
and I have great  
confidence in you  
being able to help  
me at this time

evening, there was quite a fight between Charlie  
and myself, which should yet the first reading  
of it, Charlie being the strongest of course succeeded,  
and read it before he would let me take a peep  
at it, though I protested that you and myself  
might have some secrets. We were both so glad  
to hear of your safe arrival in Texas, and as  
you did not mention having suffered from the  
foryhawkers; I hope you fared better than brother  
Alfred did on his return to Texas. I am glad,  
to know you are in Texas, though it is very selfish  
to wish you away from your family, but I missed  
hearing from you, and I cannot help entertain-  
ing a hope, that something will cause you to  
make another visit to this part of La when you  
are out of the enemys lines. Charlie thinks Texas  
a horrible place when you are not there, but  
since your return, I think he feels quite anxious  
to see you, and talks of leaving me in a few  
days. Please Dad, help him to arrange his  
business, so that he will only stay in Texas about  
a week, for I really miss him with all words.  
His experience of Texas life, has been rather hard

cannot bear the ideas of his undergoing so much  
fatigue, and trouble, just to support his family.  
His turning a regular wagoner is very bad. Do  
convince him to have an overseer when he is hauling.  
We just managed to live here. Every body seems  
to be afraid of Confederate money, and it is almost  
useless. I hope the new issue will be better esteemed  
and we will be able to buy provisions at least.  
Signed Charlie came here. He has had to spend  
most of his time hunting up corn & meat, which  
he succeeded in getting on Red River, by giving high  
prices. He has gone again to stay in Brother Alfred  
Kimbals, to try to get more meat & lard. Johnnie  
accompanies him, and thinks himself quite an  
admirer because he goes without one.  
Dora seems to be our trouble in every way. Just to think  
my poor little Dora has been very badly burnt, almost  
the whole of one side, and has been confined to her  
bed exactly three weeks today. I have not much  
confidence in the physician who attends her as her  
burns are not healing, or if at all, so slowly I  
cannot perceive much improvement. Fortunately  
Dr. Thomas was taken sick a few days ago,  
and he employed Dr. Tucker of Lafouche to attend  
his patients. Dr. Tucker has made great alterations  
in the treatment of Dora's case, and I hope will  
effect a speedy cure. If she is not relieved soon,  
I fear she will sink under it, and become too  
much weakened. She was burnt from a little

think how great is my grief and you will excuse my writing  
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received a letter from Allie's sister (Mary) since her return to Texas  
find the children had in the yard, to cook their  
party. Her dress caught on fire, and she was soon  
in flames. The servants were running her all over the  
yard to pull her dress off. Fortunately I reached her  
in time, to throw her down & smother the flames  
by throwing myself on her, and I hope, saved  
her from being burnt to death. She is the most  
patient little sufferer I ever saw. Charlie gets her  
every thing she wants to amuse, and she never allows  
me to leave her, except for a walk in the evening.  
The Postoffice have been very kind & attentive in  
every way. Aunt Lib is so busy making a crop  
of corn, that none of the family have been to see  
us for some time. Cousin Anne wrote that she was  
very sorry not to come, but could not get a driver.  
Charlie is going to see them tomorrow, on his way  
to Shreveport, and will deliver your message to Cousin  
Anne. We miss Allie very much since she left for  
Texas. She spent two or three weeks with us just before  
she left and was looking quite well. When she left  
she was talking of going to Newtown to  
remain there with sister Mary. I do not know whether  
it would be very advisable; for when the Gulees are  
there, Mrs Weightman would have to leave, and  
Allie is the most unhappy person you ever saw  
when separated from Mrs Weightman, even for a few  
days. They are a most devoted, loving couple,  
kissing & kissing each other almost every five  
minutes in the day. Charlie & myself were quite

thrown in the shade by them. While Ellie was here, Judge Moore was at Ben Prescotts, and had a violent attack of cramp cholera which made him very sick & he looked very badly when I last saw him. The Prescotts could not induce him to remain with them, but he insisted upon going back to Mr Johnson, who he thinks is quite a good doctor, as well as every thing else that is good.

The Judge stays so much at his place, and it is so far from here, that we seldom see him. Ben Prescott has gone with most of his hands to work a plantation near Natchitoches for some gentleman who has lost all of his negroes. I believe it is a very profitable business.

You did not write me anything about your stay in Attalapas, and how you fared in Gaulee land. Do write me a long letter soon, telling me all about sister Mary, Lillie, the baby, and all our friends there. I feel so anxious to hear from them. You wrote me that sister Mary had sent me another bundle of things. I am very very much obliged to her, but am afraid she is depriving herself to give to me. I have no way in the world of repaying her generosity, as I can get nothing but hope spun in this part of the country. Since the Gaulee ranch here, the stores in Threepoint have all been closed. They have not been opened on account of the money. You can send me the bundle by Charlie, as he intends to go direct to see you, and then I hope will return here. Oh Bud, please help him to return here soon. Why can't you come to see us. A visit from you would be such a treat. Please come soon.

Yours affectionately Maggie,