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Letter, S. H. Ross to Emmett Ross; 8/22/1864

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Piney Vale Aug 22nd 1864

My dear Son

Your letter of the 10th instant has been received and I assure you I was truly grieved to hear of your misfortune, and to think that I could not be with you to do what I could for your relief. — I know as you say, it would be folly for me to think of returning to your Aunt's, I could not procure a conveyance and if I could, I am not able to travel, besides I feel it to be my duty to proceed to Woodville as soon as possible, tho it makes me feel sad to think of going still further from you.

You have no doubt heard from your Aunt Lizzie that I have been quite sick since I came here, after writing to her I had a relapse and was obliged to send a second time for the doctor. I think I am relieved now, & hope I shall have no more return of fever as it is a week since I had a chill; but I recover my strength very slowly. Col. Cook went up last week to Jackson and told me if I would remain here until his return he would go with me himself to Brookhaven, he got back last night, and will go in to Hazelhurst tomorrow when I will get him to find out all about the Cars; He says they only leave every Saturday, so it will be some days yet before I can start. The Col. Sam Harlevill in Jackson on his way home on sick furlough, he will be here tomorrow, his Father said he was so thin that

none of his relations recognized him, he also has
a very bad cough. Billy Curtis has not been
able to procure a horse and has concluded to try
and get a transfer & he and Leo both join Coward
Bater. Your Aunt Eleanor is getting very ready
to go since the legislature has passed a law calling
out all from sixteen to fifty five.

Your Cousin Lizzie has heard nothing more from
her husband since I wrote to your Aunt Lizzie.

Your Cousin Alice & her baby have both been
sick since I came down here but are better now.

Lily is well and joins me in love to you and all
at Hazelwood. also to Elijah tell him I don't think
he has kept his promise about writing and that if
he has any desire to hear from me he must expect to
write sometimes himself. I hope I shall hear
soon from you and that you are doing well.

What will you do when you are able to go back to
your command you have no company left to
go to.

Your affectionate
Mother
S. H. R. O. P.