

will trust him self to death & pour
many nathing but her great trust
in God can keep her up. it seems
as tho she would sink but I know
she wont for He will sustain her
& comfort her in this sore trial
for He has promised it.

We are lying nearly opposite the
Plantations of Jo & Jeff Davis
we get all our green stuff off them
plantations. we have tomatoes, Peaches
musk & water melons. Corn is to be had
now, Dips, Beans & Cabbage, theres no
potatoes to get. I send you an old
letter I picked up among Jeff
Davis's papers, he had a very fine
house & splendid furniture but
between the Rebels & Gun boatmen
theres not much left. I am going ashore
again tomorrow. perhaps you had
better not write to me again here
unless you know something of James
& you can get the letter to me in 4 weeks
I feel in Kapes to get home by the first
of Sept. maybe before I Kape so.
Good bye direct to Eric next time

On board the Carondelet off
Palmyra Island Miss July 22nd 1863.
Dear Sister

I received your letter
in due time but I havnt felt
well enough to write to any body
but Ellen so you must pardon
me. I had a touch of the cronic
diarhea & after that I had the brake
bone fever they call it here. the
doctor broke it up in a few days
but it seems to hang about me
some way, for it breaks out on
me every 3 or 4 weeks. I feel first
rate today, & Steves health is good
as usual. we had some gay
times out here the 4th tho,
we didnt participate. we only
fired a salute of 21 guns.
we didnt hear that Grant had
taken Vicksburg till the 5th when
we started right up there. it looked
some different I tell you to what

it did when we run the blockade. then all we could see was a sheet of pine stretching forth from those hills, but now it is all quiet some 40 or 50 transport boats are laying at the levee the Rebels made a regular stampede to the Boats to get something to eat. one of them told me he hadn't had any Cheese for 3 yrs. it was selling at 50 cts a lb. Whisky 5.00 a canteen full for 10 cts a glass, ginger bread 10 cts for a piece 3 in square & 1 in thick. before the surrender flour was 5.00 a lb. & Mule meat 1.00 we all got liberty to go ashore & I improved it by going all over the place. I saw Charly Bone he is well but has had a bullet thro his right ear close to his head, he's full of fight tho as an egg is of meat. there, scarcely

a house in the place but has the marks of our shot & shell. the Natives made holes in the banks & lived in them when we were shelling the town. it was a sight I never shall forget. the nature of the earth here is something like soft brick you can cut in to it & it won't cave like other kinds of earth. My time is almost out only 4 weeks more. the river clear now from mouth to its source. What I came for is accomplished the Old Carondelet did her share too & now I am anxious to get home. I have done my share I think at least my conscience feels easy about it. I suppose you have heard about Electus poor fellow to die so far away among strangers its very hard but I hope he was prepared to go. I feel so sorry for Mary & Nicholas he