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My dear father

after waiting patiently for many weeks I have received a letter from you dated Dec 13th for some reason unaccountable to me it hath been delayed while others have come to hand I am sorry that a few simple questions should alarm you and what those powers of earth and hell air I cannot amagen those questions air freely talked about and answered in both ways as they admit of but two answers and Mr Valandigham of ohio hath been the greatest sufererican think of at present but you can have no cause to fear his punishment for a few words in a private letter And I am aware that an answer would be useless in changing my opinion but it would do me good to know that you could uphold princabels that you ware not ashamed of now let me talk plain to you I have no doubt that you do not approv of the generall proceedings of the goverment in relation to the war and amansapation though there may be some exeptions but you have got in such a habbit of talking aginst the presedent that you would be ashamed to do other ways Now you had the idia that the way to put down the rebellion would be to encourage riot and insorection among the slaves to in coraage them to kill and distroy every thing and gain their own fredom and in that way put down the rebellion and leave the north to go on in peace and stay at home but the north is guilty in the sin of slavery as well as the south though not to the same extent and hath to bare its share of punishment and while the whole nation air being sorly chestised we have grate reason to be thankfull that we air maid the honered instraments in gods hand of removing tha curse of slavery from our land John Brown made an atempt but god not prosper~~is~~ him so he was power less as to binkon(?) going to turn the slaves back is perfick nonsens do you sopoise that he would do every thing to make then think them selvs free and then

attempt to enslave them again you speak of several states where you say that slavery is right anought now you know that the presedent hath don all he can to encourage anansapation in those states and talk about hint in papers and removing ofisers is worth then nonsens and in your talk about moses and elias delivering all power up to Chrise you make an on set against the chrstian religion as we worship a god that hath all power in his own hands and who exested to all eternity the Christians god was the god of moses and the profets the lamb slain from the found-ashion of the world and Jobe could say I know that my redemer lives and it was the same voise that talked with Moses that said this is my beloved sun and if you read the psalms i think you will find that David heard him and the prophets seems to bee femilier with the babe of Bethelaham and the man of sorrow but i might write all day on that subject and then say as much more now that peace of paper the wanted to take the town the soldiers road in and found no eneny well they had the town and what more could the ask if the only wanted to fight why they could fight each other and not be so badly disapinted after all if there was any thing to be gained by their posing the town it was gained when the got it fight or no fight I think it must have been a diferent war from this for i am shure that we do mot feel bad when we find no one to fight and if the southern towns ware like that one we would be to home and the children would mis the chance of seeing the bright buttons but i think the south is enproveing fast and we can soon cary our culers to any town we wish and find no eneny but I mus close hopeing that i have said nothinf to ofend you please write soon i shall be glad to rescave a letter on any subject if you do mot wish to make the war wour subject write ofout any thing . else my love to mother and all the rest of the folks yours

James D Quilliam