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My dear Rhoda I relieved of the 24th yester day I am sorry that you have been sick a long a time but I think that you have not been dangerously sick as you wroat on the 16th that you ware well now please tell me just how you air and you will not get any conterdiction in your letters now I sopose that you will think that I am cros and finding fault but when I write I mean to tell just where I am and how I am and I thought that you aught to do the same. and by the looks of your last I think thas I aught to tell you about bad spelling again

I should like to know how the town meeting went in Chautauqua and Westfield I have heard from portland Leut C L Barnhart had a letter from Mr Crosby who run for colector on the democrat ticket he says that the war is caried on aginst the Constitution and liderty to free a few megroes which is not right in the sight of ether god or man now if such man is to be elected even to a town ofice thurgh the morthern states we may expect a long war yet as the rebess will think and know that they have many frienas in the north which will help them at every opertunity and I think that every soldier that is killed in battle is now is murdred by their friends c those who call them selves such and if it was not for those cowerd morderers the war would be over long ago just as a reble lays down his gun I can call him a friend and gentleman but not so with the morthen copper hed who could trust them they call them selves rhe peace party to encorrage the rebels to fight the whole amount of it is they air the very men that comenced the war and now the air the peace party

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My dear Rhoda

I must cloce my letter and mail it today I am sorry that you could not get that file but when you can get it I hope you will send it

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I recieved 50 cints and 6 stamps in yours and I enclose 2 dollers tell Elisabeth and Maryam that I am expecting another letter from them I en cloce a few wirges for Willey and Ida to learn

James P Quilliam