

I don't think the Yanks will bother us much this year here, I hope not, but - then they might lead us to Da or west if the Yanks don't pay us a visit occasionally. I understood that Genl Beauregard ordered Col ⁵ to scatter his Regt as much as possible to keep from being cut off. I am glad to hear it if it be true.

The people out west seem anxious ^{for} Genl B. to be sent to them.

I suppose you have seen Gov Allen (or La) to the people of New Orleans, ~~and~~ ^{and} tells them to be true to their Country and to themselves and their Country will be true to them, by summer they will see the Grey Coat in their City instead of the Blue & Co. I do hope it will be so.

We have never heard anything from our boys that were taken except from Quarters who can only tell that they were taken blind.

I don't think this can get off until Wednesday as our mail comes every other day and goes ~~Altho~~ ^{Altho} Sundays excepted Our Maildays are Tuesdays Thursdays and Saturdays at Rowles. If I had written yesterday it would have got off to day could you get it to-morrow I expect. I may keep this until to-morrow evening and see if I get a letter.

I will send a saddle to Paddy's ~~own~~ ^{own} if may come this week. One that Gladys has no use for and she'd ^{no} would rather Paddy would have it than sell it home

a bad job for the cant which as I don't think
Our Cause don't look half so gloomy now
as it did some weeks ago.

A great many seem to think that this year
will certainly end the war I am perfectly willing

What do you think of the Money matter and
uses to I don't know anything about it don't
know whether the tax will be more than the people
can stand or not. As for the money I suppose it is
dead.

Don't you think you can get through to La
Salle now if Sherman has retreated to the river.

It seems as if some way will be open.

I heard that the Yankees were in Claiborne, La.
taking off everything. I don't believe it though
I heard that they took everything that Dave Coons
had just leaving him this morn. and going Cladon
the same way you know where they live. How far is
that from you. The Yankees came down from Arkansas
Maybe they didn't get down to you as far parish (I think)
it's below Claiborne.

Johnston's & Johnston's men say they will certainly whip
the Yanks out the Spring of summer. They never think about
giving up. Feel confident and have resisted for forty
(40) years or to war I suppose they think they will be too
old in fifty years to fight. So they have gone in for life.