

you will not see him
for the while

Edward Selwell
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Dear Pa

I wrote to Ma a few days ago but as the mule is on the way home I write to let you know. Alben started yesterday (Monday) for home "over the blockade" I don't think that he will get into any difficulty I rather think that is the way the Capt wishes him to do. Do you may look for the mule on Thursday or Friday next. If you don't need the mule take him to Columbia to get him he will bring more there than anywhere else. The Bridle saddle &c. belongs to Caldwell take care of them until Mr Caldwell sends for them. Jake wants them

Sent. Mike Price I hear was at some of his old work on his way from Chester to Wbo, knocked Gen Jenkins down with a bottle of whiskey and gave Col Bratton an awful abusing to be, pretty conduct for an officer and in command of the Co. at the time no such man ought to be officer the army has no use for such.

I hear that Col Cui Shull is a private in the 68th Light Dragoons quite a hard lick on him but is he any better than the best of us it is a place he has a right to, but I feel a little for him as he has always been friendly to me and to you. He should have gone before that and would have had a position in the army if he had behaved himself, but the position private is not I think. Your son

for his way as he is to send him
home for another horse soon.

Ask Mr. Allen what the mules
cost him along the road. I expect
at least some three or four dollars
or maybe a little more.

The news of yesterday (Monday) was
very encouraging I was Courier to

Church Bluffs yesterday and got
a paper, An Old Gentleman out there
says we are sure to have peace this
year say he has been looking for
some sign and now it looks
more like peace soon than ever
it did since the war began I
do hope he may be right but I am
far from his opinion it will take
years to end this war and few of
us will see the end.

The Yankees are getting into a fuss
with the French as fast as they can

I do wish they would begin to fight
then I would think that we
were safe that is my only hope.
Maximilian has accepted the
regency of Mexico I see.

Magruder has whipped the Yankees
in Texas just right, Dick Taylor
has whipped them in La. badly.

I think Texas is the safest place
in the South everything it seems
is going on just as if no war was,
if La. Texas and Arkansas are cut
off from the Confederacy there are
much the best off more so eat
and better in every respect. I would
rather be in the Trans-Miss. Army than
in any other if I knew any body out
there and would be transferred I
would certainly go for I am tired
of this place and everything and
most of the men around me,