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My Dear sisters

Mahaly and Marlar I have been hapy to recieve a few linds from both of you I recieve every letter with grate pleashure and I think that if th. soldiers friends knew how welcum their letters ware resived bu those who air far from home and friends they would write more then they do I have had a very pleasant wenter here march hath been the most stormy month and the only snow storm of the season was in march in january there was snow anought twice to make the ground look frosty ~~xxxxxx~~ I see peach blosems on the 10th of march and when they hevvy snow storm came it arose so hard they all faded but in a few days they fresh blosems came out and now the peach threes air as perty as I ever see and appells air beginning to blosom

Last week I was down in Georgia with about 1000 men and I seen for the first time as I know of a slave who wanted to find hur master who had ran away she was a very old woman who could hardly walk and I think that she must be the slaves that these northern democrats tell so much about and they air rite that she naver will be able to take care of hirsself and will only be an expence to the goverenment we stayed 4 hours near the ho house where old woman lived and there ware 6 wemmen there and a lot of children and 2 old men they ware spinning cotten yarn and weaving they carded their cotten by hand nad spun it like wool I asked one of the little girls if she could read she said that she could a little I gave hur a little hymn book which I had in my pocket then they wholl famely gathered around while one red the book that the yankey soldier gave them

Saturday 9th

It is very plesant morning the sun shinds bright and war now I have

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been here in this vally 5 months and have naver been to the top of
lookout yet but I have spoke to Leut C L Barnhart for a pas
I have got my pas and been on the mountan and all round in the cave
and have seen many things that payed me for my trubble it is now
nearly dark and I must close with my love to you both and I must bid
you good nite

J D Quilliam