

June 3, 1858

Dear father
I will ^{not knowing whether you} ever receive this or not I shall therefore be necessarily brief in what I have to communicate.

The family is all well - Sister Rhoda has returned from Red River. She doubts if she is very "accomplished" but she is ^{in that most useful of all know-} ledge human nature. She knows nothing at all about Ornithology. She is young however and has to learn.

My little gal is growing finely and can walk almost lost. She is a funny and a sensible little thing. Mal's Bucky kissed her the other day and she slapped him in the face. She is the greatest little flirt in the family. She coquets with all the gentlemen - she is very ambitious to shine, and loves to show off in company. We have never had one moment's trouble with her - She does not know

what "musing" is. She plays and sings
all day long. She appears to be
so happy. "A thing of Beauty is
a joy forever".

Grandma is well
her health is good I heard from
her yesterday.

Strange things happen
in this life. we have now a regular
abolition Constitution. I think
I must turn abolitionist. This
abolition Constitution is to be sub-
mitted on the 4th Wednesday of ~~any~~
July to the People of the Christian
Nation for ratification or
rejection.

I heard from Uncle Tom
P - he was well and being glad-
ously for come ye so.

I suppose
you hear about Sami Holcomb
and Davis Harkins killing
Bob Furniture Million Justice
and one Leherked Inocan.
Whenever our courts organized I
shall have a fine time of
clearing these fellows as well

as "picking" their pockets,
and go nowhere. I keep close

are well. Sam Bates yesterday

Sister Mal is also
down - all well. Was
at Sammie's a few days
ago. all well there.

Sam Garland staid with
me a few nights ago. He gives
bochorn and others hell about
money matters. He is also
down on Geo Harkins and
Isaac Holman. The ju-
go says their are rascals
and the ju-jo "is an
honorable man"

The health
of the plantation is good
and all is moving along
finely

Wife and family are
all well.

I presume that
you will be home before
July. Bring the Books
requested.

Considerable
prejudice prevails against
the Abolition delegation,
especially Saml Gardner.

Hoping to see you
before many days I bid
you good bye & my love
to Buchanan and all
inquiring friends &c

Your Servant
L P Petchum