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Dear Peter.

I reached here this morning, being my first visit to the Episc Sem here this Sepm.

I have had the sickest family of any one perhaps in the world. Tommy & Everett were both very low when I left home yesterday. Their Mother was on the point of death apparently for more than a week - but now getting well. Rhoda had a long hard spell of the fever, so much about my family. Your folks were all up & about yesterday morning. Leods has the chills and fever but was rather getting over it.

Asabel and children were with yr Mother. Your father went up a few days to his Red River place.

Yr Mother had made clothes for you & John and talked of sending them to you by yr Bro Calvin.

I hope you & John keep well. I wish you had written often for we do want to hear from

often. I did not see Ashby,  
he was at home. Little  
Buljiv is a great warrior  
like looking fellow. He  
was taken great liken to me  
Your Uncle Thomas is  
well and keeps us steady  
as any body - but he hates  
the Yankees and talks of  
killing & scalping them  
all the time. He will no  
doubt seek an opportunity  
to carry into execution  
his wishes.

We are keeping  
up the War dances - but  
will commence Drilling  
very soon. I want this in  
great haste and by a dim  
candle and late at night.

So Good Night,

Yr Affectionate

Uncle

My kindest regards to  
Ebenzer and William Pettibly

W.P.P.