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Dear Brother

This leaves us all in good health and having opportunity of sending you some things by Mr Melton Ma has sent you a bag containing 16 negro shirts and a hunting and double breasted vest for yourself Pa left yesterday for Harrison and Chattanooga—Sam keeps deviling me to let him write to let him write so that I can think of nothing to write if you hunting shirt don't fit in the waist that is if it is too long wasited you can rip the band loose it is only tacked on and Ma says if it don't fit you get you some good cloth of some kind and have you a good roomy working coat, cut and made by the taylors and do pray never have any more Cloth spoiled by the women and give your hunting shirt to some of the negros I suppose you have heard Dick Jackson and Julia Brazelton is married you must correspond with Mr Lumpkin write to him frequently it will improve you, and I tell you what it is I have a sort of half way notion, if Mr Lumpkin runs for congress again this fall of coming and living with you tho he promised me he would not run and if Mr. Lumpkin should object I can throw up to him what he once said in a Joke "a man had no more need of a wife in Washington there was plenty women there" I have got mighty tired of living without my own home to go to although I am living just as comfortable and more so than if I was at home. I believe I have nothing else to say- is there any likelihood of Miss Ann Forry(?) and yourself ever uniting your destinies say two or three years hence—if you do she will hardly be willing for you to wear that hunting shirt—Ma sends her love to you

I remain your Sis

Burn this and don't let any one see it