Dear Mort,

Brunswick County, Va. Oct. 18, 1861

I have again taken this occasion to answer your letter of the 1st inst and am very glad to hear from you and to hear that you were well. This leaves us all well at present and hoping this letter may find you enjoying good health. We have had a very sick family since I wrote to you last about Diptheria but all got well and are doing well at present. The neighbors and some of them sick. Mrs. E. F. King have been very sick with slow fever but are mending so as to setup and walk across the house. Susan Daniel have been very sick but on the mind. The balance of the neighbors are all well so far as I know. The farmers are all busy sowing wheat in this part of country. There will be a great deal of corn made. The Tobacco Crop is not good. It ripened badly owing too much wet. The war excitement is not near so great about here as was when you left this county. Nothing said in regard to raising any more Volunteers in Brunswick. The militia have been mustered nearly every Saturday since you left. The County to have them ready drilled in case they should be needed.

You stated in your letter that you wanted me to get some clothes for yourself to make you some shirts. I have got it. Your Ma have had you a suit of your clothes if you need them she wants.
I want you to write to me as soon as you get this letter whether you need blankets or any thing of the sort your ma has been talking of making up a Sicily Stuff with Cotton & look for you to sleep on this winter. If you all take up winter notions so that you will not have to borrow - write me if you have any ideas what you winter notions will be.

Bet 19. Since writing the above I have understood that your uncle Williams are making preparations to come up to see you all & sent the word that I must get ready & go with him but if he comes in a few days you ma will not have your cloths made so I shall not come until he waits until she gets your things ready. I hope nothing more to disturb at present. Give any love to Alfed & all the boys & the family send their love to you - write to me as often as you can.

Yours Right

Wt. William M. Planting & J.M. Planting