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Vista Plantation  
March 30<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Father

I received yours of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst on the 24<sup>th</sup> and was Glad to hear that you was doing so well and hope that you will continue to do so am glad that you are geting [sic] your debts paid off. I was sorry [sic] to hear that you had to take old notes from Ford for I think that he was able to pay you the Cash and I think that it was mean in him for not doing so but you can make good use of them now and I should pay them back to him faster than he wanted them if I could let any one have them that would make use of them but you

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never told me how much Ford paid you for the wheat and I should like to know. if Paint and Oil are so high I suppose of corse [sic] you get A higher price for your work. I was glad to hear that Nellie was so much better and she will soon be well does Mother have the sick headache much now I hope not my helth [sic] is very good now I only weigh 171 lbs not much for me is it considering we live on sow belly and harde [sic] tack talk about Uncle Sam not feading [sic] his Souldiers [sic] well. we are last geting [sic] our sumer [sic] tan on now and if you could but see us as we are in Camp you would think that you never see such A rough set and I guess that you never did. the first thing in the morning you will see us around our fires Cooeking [sic] our breakfast which

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consists of A Coffee pot full of Coffee A few peaces [sic] of bacon hard Crackers socked [sic] in water to make them soft and then fried in the bacon fat this is our Breakfast after we are thrugh [sic] eating we fill our pipes and set or stand around smokeing [sic] and talking of our homes or of the war and wonder when it will close when we get Papers all the Boys read them untill [sic] they are worne [sic] out some times we get A yellow covered Novel to read but very seldom if ever any goods Books reach our Camps well we lounge about until Diner [sic] time and then go through the same process Cock [sic] the same eat the same except about once in five days we have fresh Beaf [sic] and one mess of beans after Diner [sic] we Smoke set or lay around the same as in the morning until [Dressperrade] which comes off

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at five O clock then we come in get Supper have the same as for Diner [sic] then smoke and set around untill [sic] Bed time we generaly [sic] go to Bed at eight O clock and so it goes from day to day except once in A while when we go on Picket. we have not got any nigers [sic] now to do our Cooeking [sic] as we got tired of them and have not one in the Company now I have not been

writing [sic] this to find [sic] fault but because I had nothing else to write and thought it would interest you to know how we were [sic] living [sic] just now. I received A letter from Hurbert and one from John the same day that I got yours and answered them both [sic] and wrote Charlie A long letter day before yesterday [sic] I hope that He will receive it and answer it as I should like to keep up A Correspondance [sic] with him. with kind love to all I remain [sic] your affectionate  
Son

[George Sealy written in all caps in pencil to the right of 'Son'; appears to have been added later]