New York April 22nd 1865

Dear Jared,

I suppose ere this you have heard of the horrible assassination of President Lincoln. It is just one week this morning since the terrible news reached us, and the city has been in mourning ever since. There has been little or no business doing the past week. The stores for the most part remained closed, the streets present a sad appearance nearly every house & store being heavily draped with crapes or white and black muslin, on many of the buildings are quotations from Mr. Lincoln.

The President's body is to be brought here on Monday morning to remain until Tuesday the Seventh Regiment act as guard of honor.
by a beautiful flag the gift of
Ohio. This street was men-
tioned in the paper as being
beautifully draped—its far
exceeds the same length of
any part of Fifty Ave.
we were the first to com-
mence the thing and every
house followed within a day
or two except Mr. Chauncey
& Mr. Blackstone, but Mrs.
Chauncey managed to scratch
up two small pieces of black
muslin in her parlor window.
last night & the Blackstone
followed this morning. I
do not know whether they were
waited on by anyone or not.
The time has now arrived here
when no one dare talk truth
for if they do they stand a good
chance of being strung up.
all the secesh have their flag
Mother wished me to say that Sam Clark is in the City. Mother gave him your address and he said he would write to you. He has been preaching in Rochester the past winter filling a minister’s pulpit who was travelling for his health.

Hanny Fisher has been spending her vacation with us—She went back to School yesterday. Wilford accompanying her. The night before she left, she combed my hair for me and did it very nicely having had some experience in combing yours she told me, it appears to be a species of employment that she takes especial delight in. She wishes you to write to her.

Wilford has gone to Northford to do some drafting and
look after the farm generally he intends returning in a week or ten days. He has bought a pair of horses & intends buying a carriage I believe. Do you receive Harpers & the Atlantic every month? John sends them but we do not know whether you receive them or not. Sophie goes to school and is endeavoring to learn to write so that she can correspond with you. She sends her thanks to you for the gold dollar that you sent her, it pleased her very much.

I am sorry my letter did not reach you. We all think that you look very thin in the likeness that you sent home. The family are all well.

Grandmother Mother and all the family send much love. Charlotte wishes you to write to her hoping to hear from you soon.

I remain your self

Brother

P.S. write me what your prospects are of remaining on the river.