

Dear Black River Bridge  
Aug 2<sup>d</sup>

My dear son Charles

you and St. Louis 9<sup>d</sup>

To Dickburg this morning found you to be after  
his time of absence I was surprised  
to find him off to the west not even any  
letter for several weeks and I think a  
change would be of service to him in  
St. Louis being well I was glad  
him to return to the country. He an  
most delightfully located our tent  
on a patch under a pine grove of trees  
along a gentle slope high dry and airy  
There is very probably that in well  
known here through the economy of  
assure you have hardly a finer spot as I  
for me an in as healthy a spot as I  
can boast of. There is no tiller now when  
I shall return should the best be consolidated  
you may set out now within a month or  
not time not before several months till  
the little things you sent me I find very  
useful especially the slippers the Cordons is  
delightful all the trouble about it is that

Now is so little of it that my mind  
wishes to go as far as possible  
I have not yet finished the manuscript  
for. Last night however some what  
troubled and today I will try to  
think you could see our camp this  
is pretty located. That showing this  
morning all I want now is my own  
the child with me. We must bear  
with the present separation. The father  
will be all the more bright and happy  
for it. So I must be  
good by my dear - don't forget  
me - I will be  
as ever your affectionate  
father  
I have a very good  
man - I have  
for me in a  
the best of  
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