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I hope you will get it and let me know what you
think of it. I am
Yours affectionately
J. Southwick

Plainfield Jan 13th / 63

Dear my Son

Another letter arrived the past week, from you, which surprised me somewhat on looking at the superscription and I feared you might be sick, as the signature didn't look like your hand writing, but I very soon found, my fears were groundless, for which I truly feel grateful, that you all have thus far been preserved while so many have been called suddenly to give an account of their stewardship. — You say the letter you rec'd from me last, was the first you have rec'd from me for nearly four months, I was not aware so long a time had elapsed since writing to you, but I find by referring to yours that the last was mailed Aug 3^d, previous to the one written Dec 4th. Now the strongest apology I have to offer is, I was waiting all that time for one from you, but during all that time I had no idle hours^{if} I had, had I should surely

Transcription:

(written along the top of the page upside down)

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have written to you, But owing to my absence
from home two weeks and my lameness after my
return, has caused me to be extremely busy till
now, and I dont know as I shall fetch up this
winter, And with all the rest I have considerable
writing to do, Two or three letters a week some-
times, But I dont write them all on the Sabbath
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this winter that I have seldom gone to meeting
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Oct; I would he were a little more prompt in
writing while he has the privilege, for I fear he
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and I hear, (but I would it may prove a false
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your writing that you are not very well
pleased with his course, But I for one am
heartily glad, yes I feel encouraged to hope
while there is some who are free to advocate
the cause of the oppressed, and down trodden
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Slavery is not the only sin we are guilty of
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with here, from Southern Sympathisers
But I'll not enlarge, yet my heart is sick
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But there is rest for the weary,
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And I am longing to possess it

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for where, I would like to give you an account
of their reception in I but it will take
too much room, for H & G are intending to
write and send with me, so you will get all
the news worth hearing, and perhaps some
that is not, O I have one little item of news
which I will write, hoping it may influence
you, it is this your father has left affixing
tobacco, I don't know the cause, whether his con-
science prompted him, or his interest, it is ex-
-ceeding high here one dollar a pound, Now if this
war should bring about such a result it
would not be a fatal failure would it? But I'll
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