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P.S. You need have no fears about my
writing you, anything that you do
not wish me to write.

Yours, P.

De Porto Nov 2nd /58.

Dear Brother,

This morning finds
me seated, for the purpose, of answering
your letter, received, about a week since,
I reckon it is nothing more, than right,
that you should, always write me two
letters for one, as it has never failed,
to be the case, yet. I intended, writing
as soon as I heard, that you had gone
to Oxford, but did not hear until the
day, I received, your letter, when I was
informed, of it both by yourself and by P.
I received a letter from George a
few days since. All were well ex-
cept himself - was still, having a chill
occasionally. He writes, that Maj.

Hamilton had lost two negro men,
and was trying to sell out to Rob Adams
This I was sorry indeed, to hear, as he
is little able, to stand, so great a loss.
He also wrote, that Mr Craig and
wife were, than expected, to die. Mr
Craig has dropsy. The doctors had
taken from her, by tapping, three
gallons of water. I would, not be sur-
prised, if Mr Craig had his fourth
wife in less than a year from today.
Benjamin has improved, very much in
letter writing since she commenced
corresponding with me. With her
present teacher, Mr Carr this, I think
she will learn very fast. She has her
share of self confidence. I can't pre-
vail on her to write me even a line.
As an inducement, I think, I shall
send her a lot of fancy paper, and
envelopes.

He wrote, Dr Sanders that he would,

make about ninety bags of cotton. This is a very good crop, but I hope, that he will make, at least a hundred, or more. He generally places as low an estimate, as possible, on his crops. The season has been fine, for picking cotton. It seems that we are, not going to have any fall. - have not had frost here yet, something very much desired too, on account of yellow fever in Mobile. Uncle John wrote, no last night - that the fever was much worse in the city than it ever was before, acclimation being no proof against it. We thought of going down next Saturday, but he advises us not to do so, until he writes to that effect, Matt, though, is determined, to go, and, since the consequences, Gen. Walker starts to Niagara, on the tenth this month, and Matt is going to Mobile for the purpose of going with him. We have all tried

to dissuade him from this step, but
so far have not succeeded. If he could
get into profitable business he would
be better satisfied, but he has not
even the means necessary to carry him
to where he can get into business. He
would like to go on the Missisippi river and
go to overseeing, being the most profit-
able that he is qualified for. So far
as regards money, husband will give
him as much as he wants, but he is
not disposed to take it. It is very dis-
couraging to start out in the world with-
out money, or being qualified to make
it in a respectable way; particularly
one starting under the circumstances
Matt has. Mr. de Goken has been trying
to get him to marry a girl between three
or 4000 dollars, worth the best thousand dol-
lars, but he has no idea of doing so, though
he could marry her without doubt. I don't
advise any body to marry, unless prompt-
ed by the affections. That will last, when
every thing else fails. Matt sends you
five dollars of Sen. money, which he says
will be of use to you, though is of none to him.
Matt and husband join me in love to
you. Write soon. To Yours affectionately, J. M. Miller.