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Notice of complaint, 1 December 1868

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State Salt works, also
Sept 14th 1864,

Dear Sister,

Although I have written to you several times you still insist that I never answer your letters, I'll tell you it is seldom I get a letter from you but one occasionally makes its appearance. N. K. gave us a call last Thursday week stayed just a week but was sick the first half of it, he had 2 severe Chills whilst with us, but we broke them up and he seemed quite himself when he left, I tried to get him to stay longer for fear of a return of Chills but he would not consent, he said he hoped they would whip Sherman out before he got back but he was satisfied now that they were waiting for him so he had better get along and finish the little job - he had been having Chills all along the road from fathers, I think though he will hardly have any more, he left in good spirits, I rec^d a letter by him from many who write much oftener than any of the family, I will write to her shortly - I was very glad indeed that N. K. came by for I began to think I never should see any of the family again, he took me completely by surprise, I

had no intimation of his coming until
he road up, and then he gave me news
from you all which I had almost
given out, it had been so long since I
had rec^d a letter from any of you -

I am glad to say that we are
all tolerably well though we have had much
sickness this summer, I moved out some
8 miles from the salt works to the village of
Jackson with Maggie and the children
some 6 weeks ago, but the miasma of the
swamp around the works had gotten so
infused into our system, that none of us es-
caped - I had my worst sickness however be-
fore we come out, but Maggie has been
unwell almost all the time, she is much better
now. Maggie Allin and Annie have both had
Chills but are well at present, I hope
we will not be troubled much more, we
are boarding at Jackson for the present expect-
ing to return to the works as soon as frost, there
was no house to be had or we could have kept
house which would have been much preferred,
I spent about half of my time at the works,
the balance at Jackson - I am getting along
tolerably well making salt now but have been
troubled considerably, the Impressing agents
come up about the time the attack was

first expected on Mobile and missed every thing
we had in fact completely stopped the works,
but I having a contract with the State of
Alabama finally succeeded in getting
mine released and have got every thing
back except a likely negro man that died
whilst there, though my neighbours except those
that had contracted with the State have
not been so fortunate and there is no telling
when they will get started again, at one time
I believe there was but one furnace running
here out of some 40, now I suppose there is
about 10 running - the consequence of the imping
put salt to 35¢ per bushel in mobile and 20¢
per bushel here exclusive of sacks - taken at the
salt house - I shipped (16) sixteen sacks salt
to father some 6 weeks ago but the Cars did
not run higher than Okalona so it had to
lie in D. L. Campbell's warehouse at mobile
waiting for the road to be repaired until DeKalb
came along and told me to have it shipped
to Okalona to care of Mr. Stewart with
instructions for him to notify Jas. Cusby of
its arrival - I rec^d a letter from Mr
Campbell this morning stating that he had
forwarded it as directed - the freight and
expenses to Okalona are all paid - the
16 sks contain (2400th) forty eight bushels

20 bushels for father and 9 bushels each for
Sister Lou and Amelia. I wrote to father
at the time I first shipped it but
D. Kalk tells me he had not rec^d my
letter -

It is not necessary to ask you to
excuse my pen for it has already spoke
for its self - write often - with much
love ^{to all} and many kisses for the children
I remain your aff^l bro
Barlow

The salt is marked

J. H. Snodwell
Care of Bro, Limby
Verona

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