Toledo August 28th 1867

Dear Annie

About three weeks ago, I received your kind and interesting letter, reading of it afforded me much pleasure (except where you spoke of your Mother, and Joe, not being well) I am glad to hear that poor dear Henry is improving so much, I should rejoice with you, could his mind be restored to perfect soundness.

I aught to have answered your letter sooner, but my right arm has been so much swollen, and so very painfull, that it has been hard for me to use it in any way, it is some little better now, yet it is still swollen so that I can not moove it without pain: I can not now see what my prospect for the future is.

you kindly ask if you could send me any books or papers that I should like to read. I am obliged to you, but I am supplied with as much as I can read: yet still I should like to have those articals of your own writting, that you spoke of.

I am glad that you had so pleasent a visite in the east. I am glad also, to hear that dear Willie and Elinor are so agreably situated in their new home: I shall not be able to write to them unless my health improves.

With regard to family history, I will just give you an item or two, when Mary Day was at Fortress Monroe, she formed an intimate acquaintance with Jefferson Davis, and family, his sister-in-law, Miss. Howell, learning that Mary was connected with the name of Howells, began to investigate the ~~subje~~ subject with the design to claim

relationship, Miss Howell, stated that her family were from England and also, that the names of Howell, and Howells, were originally Howell, that the Howell family of England were all the same family: you know that two, or three, of the early kings of England were of the name of Howell: So now, that we can trace relationship with English Royalty; and the family of the President of the Southern Confederacy, I do not think that we need trouble ourselves any more about our ancestry.

I told Ann Eliza what you said about the likenesses, she says that she has none that she can send now, but that you shall have them when she gets them: The likeness of the baby will be worth having, for it is a beautifull child, not a dollish face, but a fine noble intellectual

face: And one of the best of babies too. Your Aunt sends their love, and says to tell you, and every other member of the family to come and make us a visite.

I had letters from your Uncle Henry, and Matthew, last week, they will both visit us this fall. Mystille was here this summer, she is a very pleasent, and beautifull girl.

I got a letter from Coreen yesterday. she says that she has to play the musick for both churches now, in Bowling-green. You do not tell me anything about Joe's family when you write. Can you not come and see us this fall?

My love to your Father, and Mother, and all.

Your affectionate Aunt
Ann

It has been hard for me to write, but I hope that you can read what I have written