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My Dear Elliott,

I wrote you a few days since, but as I received one from you on Saturday I will reply to it. Mr Black & John, his son has been passing a few days here - they left this morning - John took George's gun and thought he would try and kill a few Quail, but he had no success. I am glad you gave up your French at once - You must now try and get along as fast as you can with your other studies - Do be particular about your spelling - you make great mistakes, & I must point them out to you. Speaking of the Prince of Wales, you called him the "Prince of Whales." he is not a Sea Monster - but King of the Crown of England. I know you will never make this blunder again - so I will pass over

Speaking of the figure of Christ -
you add e which is one letter
too much. - then you say "tite Sister
Sue I shall write to her in the
Coise" which should be Course

Portage - you put an i where the
a should be. - You must take
more pains in writing - for a
careless habit is very difficult
to overcome - accustom yourself
for six months to write as well as
you can, and you will become
so fixed in the habit - that it will
be difficult to write carelessly -

I am very much occupied now
in having things put in order, and
shall leave here for St Louis, three
weeks from tomorrow - the 14th
of Nov. so you will probably see
me about the last of the month
I am going on with Mr Parsons
or cannot tell the exact time I
shall leave St Louis I shall make

Sister Nelly a little visit. When you
write Reddy, direct to New Orleans,
St Louis Hotel - he will be there every
twelve days. - I suppose you have
received your Apples by this time -
let me know how you like them.
I can imagine little Charley dancing
about when you open them & filling
his pockets - they will I dare say re-
mind you all of the same. If you
think of any thing that you have at
home, that you want, write & let me
know, & I will take it to you.

Give a great deal of love to all
of the boys - & if you see Sister Fannie
tell her I shall write her if possible
in a few days - but I have so
much to do, & it cramps my hand
so much to hold a pen that I
know she will excuse me -

Your own dear

Mother

My dear Mother
I have just received your letter
of the 10th inst. and am
glad to hear from you.
I am well and hope
these few lines will find
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