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MC073: Folder 27: William Joseph Palmer to Thomas Sharp Palmer 1859 December 2

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Charleston, South Carolina
Omnibus Office, Dec 2nd, 1859

Dear Tom;

Yours of the 3rd Nov. came safely to hand. Was glad to hear from you. You are all right. The letter you owed me. It found us all well and doing well. I dont recollect whether I have written you since our boy was born, if not, there is such a thing at our house some four months old, also a curly headed one about 2 months old. We have quite a dearth of newd here at present. Everything is moving quietly, even Harpers Ferry dont disturb as much. We occasionally catch a fellow from the land of wooden nutmegs following about among our niggers when they quietly give them a coat of tar and feathers with a little Hereking oil and send them a-packing. It has been one of the finest falls I ever saw, it is now more like June weather than December. It suits us first rate for we are building us a large brick stable, 150 feet long, 3 stories high. We are getting on well with it.

Tell John I wrote him some time since but have heard nothing from his. You tell him if he wont write soon I will have to write him again.

You wish to know when I intend going to Ohio. I will try and go next summer if I can get off, but it is hard getting away from my business but hope I will next summer but will write you again. I should like very much for us all to meet there to gladden the hearts of our dear parents once more before they go hence and are no more forever. I have not heard from Ohio for some time. I have just finished a letter to Captain Ward in Texas, also two to friends, it is now getting late and I am tired and sleepy so you must have pardon this short letter. Remember us in warm love to John, his wife and family. Kate's health is rather better than usual, Sissy is looking better than usual. The Wards are all well as usual, John and Kate is gabbing in my office I can't write. They join in much love to you and Nancy, the children, John and family.

Will J1 Palmer