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**MC073: Folder 31: William Joseph Palmer to Thomas Sharp Palmer 1860 July 19**

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Charleston Jul 19th 1860

Dear Tom

I read a letter from you a few days ago, giving your reasons for not taking Nancy. I never like to persuade anyone to do what he dont think is right or what [unclear] able to do. I should like very much to meet you all there but you know your circumstances better than I do. I suppose John and family will be there. We will try and get away from the [unclear]th to the 10th of August. Will stay a day or two in New York. Am thinking some of buying the Great Eastern. I hope it wont leave till I get there. We have had the hottest summer I ever knew, a great many died from heat. It is still quite hot but much more pleasant than it has been. Our little girl has been quite puny for some time, I am very anxious to get away on her account, I think a sea voyage and change of air will do her good.

Kate has been better for the last two months than she has been for years I do hope it will continue.

Tell John Mr. Douglas enquires about him every once in a while.

Tell Red Douglas it would do me a great deal of good to hear of his taking off his Coat and rolling up his sleeves for Breckenridge and Lane. I think he told me he was going to Ohio this summer, if he does I hope I will meet him there.

Remember me in love to your wife and children, also John and Family. Nate joins in much love to all.

Truly yours in haste  
W. J. Palmer