

My dear & much loved
Jackson Miss
July 17 1863

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I got your letters of June 2d & 22d I write this on secesh paper & inclose it in [?] fancy

I send you a paper