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quite ripe. Patches of corn the rebs planted the horders cut up for their horses. One stalk I saw 13 feet 2 inches in length. It was all silked out Rattle snakes are common here the boys killed one yesterday which had nine rattles. The weather is dreadful hot. And it almost melts us to go out in the sun in the heat of the day. I stand it first-rate I feel well as ever; we have a nice cool place for a tent under one of the big canoply made on the tops of several small trees the tops are thatched with a sort of vine so thick and firm as to make a complet arch way We Modica & myself have a rebel officers bed to lay on I got it out of an old rail house it is made of cane stocks we raised it about a foot from the ground & it is quite an easy bed cane stocks are found here in any quantity. Please send this letter to H. as soon as you can For I haven't written to them since I left Cairo. Direct the same except leaving out Burnsides Command The mail goes now We have had no mail

We are waiting hoping & anxiously wishing the mail would come I guess we shall get one to night Good buy W.J.T.