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# Letter from Thomas White to Harry White, March 29, 1864

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Harry White  
Letters of -  
O. R. F.

Indiana, March 29, 1864

My dear Son,

I am just in receipt of yours of the 13<sup>th</sup>. Just as you can scarcely imagine the joy with which we received a letter from you after almost four months of silence and the last letter from you was dated 11 Dec. - Consequently, you may imagine the anxiety that we suffered at times I feared that it would produce derangement in your Mother as her physical system has not been equal to much mental exertion - Being to her having been now upwards of four months with trifling exceptions confined to her Couch - She has been lying on a settee before the fire while I lay on another beside her - She is rather better today unless the transport which your letter ~~very~~ occasioned may injure - Joy kills as well as grief - You know her disposition and she looks at the gloomy side of all things & the news paper reports about you being in confinement caused many a flood of tears - And I have had to wear as cheerful countenance when my heart was saddest

Captain John Carpenter has been exchanged and from him I learnt that the general tenor of your letter confirms that your personal comforts are better and for a Salisbury than they now at Richmond - He said that he sent you two of my letters by a Major who went down so I am not sure that you will receive the rest as they are so large which you have used Shew's Stamp, unknown to me & I presume it must be mailed

Laura has been unwell and shows very bad spirits on your account but she has soon abated - The Babe grows more interesting every day & her placid very amusing - Her health is good & Lewis much improved - The Weather has been very severe upon all weak constitutions & I have a son suffering much from that account & exposed in travelling - As I have been absent at Cash halp the time since Dec. 1. I can only be your behalf but if it shall accomplish the object I shall be well repaid - Richard started 16<sup>th</sup> Feb for Salt Lake & he reports very strongly mounted over 1400 Men - Of yours I can say nothing as I have heard nothing - As space is felt I must conclude with that news & when there is no more - So with very much love from your Mother I am as ever  
Your affectionate Father  
Thomas White