Chapel Hill 30th April 65

My Dear Sir,

You will oblige me very much by having this parcel sent your hand with promptness to my home, from whom I have not heard for more than three weeks. The Yankees have taken possession of our village for fourteen days, and we see no indications of their leaving. They have not on the whole behaved badly in the village where we have a safe place. But in the country they have done badly, pillaging every thing they could carry off and burning of any house or farm of the top of cattle. They are not loyally but the countryside is stripped of mules and horses. I cannot give you later news than you will have from captured soldiers from here and Johnson's army. The Yankee dispatches announce the fall of Mobile with capture of Forrest and the capture of Macon. word is also of all prisoners at that place and also of Salisbury. With prisoners and all the latter Messrs. Jones and

from Raleigh to! That it is vain to disguise the fact of submission but that is preparatory to having been dictated into submission by the Northern faction. by the bye I hear it