Chapel Hill May 5th 1865

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Mrs. Emma Speight, Torrero, N.C.

Dear Sister,

As Mr. Redman leaves tomorrow for your village I will try to write to you to let you know we are still living although the Yankees have been in quite possession of our village for the past two weeks. A company of them were still here guarding the college buildings in the village generally all Except this company left due before yesterday. Yesterday 3000 Japs, though in their way to Petersburg to take the lands there for their homes. We all had yards for our houses burning during the two weeks they were here we now rent them. But all around the village for miles around the country is laid waste. Every thing burned and torched, a few old broken down ones were left in their places. What people came to do for self out this year or next no one can see and to crown it all the negroes are all turned loose to wander about and do what they please.

Now added to all this we have been very much anxious about Egbert who was wounded if not killed yesterday. We hear vague unsatisfied accounts from him, the latest was the 20th of April he was then at Summerville doing well. East Sanderson assures me that is certainly true. This is has been

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