

Augusta Geo. July 28<sup>th</sup> 1865.

Dear Father –

Yours of the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. introducing Mr. J.H. Miller is just at hand. I shall be most happy to do any thing in my power for him & I think I have formed a very pleasant and at the same time beneficial acquaintance.

As yet I have not seen or heard from Mr. Barnes. I am afraid when he gets here that there will be nothing to do, as business is entirely dead & there have been so many speculators here that all chances are used up. If he had come here direct when I first wrote to you there would have been plenty of chance to make money. Mr. Miles R.P. & Co's. traveller has cleared at least \$20,000 off speculations in Cotton & Domestics he having a clear field of operations & pitching right in.

The weather still continues warm the Thermometer ranging from 96° to 103°. It is dangerous to walk in the streets during the middle of the day. We have had numerous case of sun stroke most of them resulting fatally. Our office is generally cool & pleasant, but some days it is almost impossible to stand the heat.

There is no business doing here at all. Nearly every one has gone North & except in speculations there is nothing doing. Gold ranges from '52 to '55. Cotton had a decline of 2¢ on Wednesday & consequently created something of a scare.

I have been in the enjoyment of excellent health & every body tells me I am growing quite stout. I hope all at home are well.

Edward will possibly be home some time next month. He is sick of this service & I do not blame him for it.

Hoping soon to hear from you & with love to all

I remain  
Your Affectionate Son  
Frank.

I have a \$1000 "Confed" bond which I will bring home with me.