

Savh. May 25<sup>th</sup> 1866

Dear Father. –

Your letter is at hand & contents noted. It grieves me much to hear of your illness, but hope it may prove only temporary & that you will be entirely recovered before this reaches you. My health has been remarkably good ever since I left & with one days exception I have been perfectly well. My only drawback is traveling by rail which tires me out as I am quite unable to sleep in the Cars.

My trip is doing good for Barnes left a hard feeling behind him. Almost every body asks me what has become of him & expresses themselves surprised that he was not discharged before. You need not regret his departure as he did the house no credit whatever & is better away than with it.

I find a very good feeling existing in regard to Northern men. Some of the Extremists are very bitter, but the Majority are with those who support the President. Of course the Radicals stand no show & all classes are down on them. The people are willing to abide the issue as long as they find they have friends in the North & hope that something may soon be done to settle the question now at issue & allow them Representation.

Give my love to all the folks. I have not time to write to them or I should do so. I cannot say when I will get home as I want to make the trip a thorough one even though I do not get an order. I shall do my best & hope you will all be satisfied.

Yours with love  
Frank.