

Simmesport May 20<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Nettie,

Your kind letter of 23d Apl. I received to day. I am glad to hear that you and baby are getting along so well.

I should prefer Woolen socks, but cotton ones will do as well if you have sent them. Paper collars were what I wanted but if you have not sent them send size 15 inch, as they will just fit me. Flannell shirts I wear all the time as they are the best protection against fever in this climate. Just at present I have only one shirt and have to lay abed while that is washing & drying. All our officers are in nearly the same fix as we are not allowed to carry any baggage.

There is no news of any kind. Pa's letter has every thing in it & that is little enough. That must be considered the family letter.

I enclose a letter written from a slave woman to her son taken from a rebel mail captured by our forces.

I am sorry I have not more to write but this will have to do.

Yours with love

Frank

Tell Ella [sister Ella Antonia Tiemann] I will answer her letter in my next.