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J. P. 27. 92

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ready for action and are  
the West  
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June 26 1862

Fair oak Battle Field  
Dear Sister

I take this opportunity  
of writing to you to inform you that  
I am well at this time hoping this  
may find you you the Same yesterday  
was a very Stiring day indeed.  
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their appearance in Large numbers  
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my Dear Sister I would like to see  
you very much and Relate Some  
of the Scenes of the past I think  
you would Be Surprised to see me  
now indeed you would not know  
me the is great change in my Looks  
I am as Brown as an african  
and hearty as a pig Sister I will  
Be So glad to see you when I  
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intervals But there no attention  
paid to them they had  
Better Save their Shot for a  
more convenient season

I close with my thoughts  
upon you

I Remain your  
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answer immediately

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