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[Glideridersleeves? illegible] Landing July 9th, 81

Dear Brother and Sister

I thought I would drop you a few lines. Little Joe has been very sick with brain fever. Did not expect he would live from hour to hour. The doctors [vise? Illegible];[check? illegible] him twice a day for 7 days. He now is all rite but is very weak. Nellie cried the other day to see him try to eat some cracker and tea. He wanted to feed himself and he could not get the tea spoon to his mouth. He was so weak. He is gaining fast in Strength now. Nellie

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Was taken Wednesday with [cobra meurbis? Illegible]. Doctor made 2 calls to her. She is all rite now thanks be to God we are all spared.

Have my [tobaceu set? Illegible] with set over [want? Illegible] peace. The ground warmer are to work on faculty had intended to come up last Wednesday but sickness in the family prevented me. Now I cannot get away till after [Laiing?illegible]. Shall try to come up August 3rd. I wrote a letter to Sarah four weeks ago. Have received no reply. Has she gone to Boston? Please write and give me all the news.

Your Brother

Joseph [E or C? illegible] Lord

Our love to you all

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Do not fail to reply

Envelope

Right hand top [Due 3]

Directly underneath [Mr. J.R. Lord

Warehouse? Point Conn?]

[Left bottom corner: "The Union, the Constitution, AND THE Enforcement of the Laws."]