

States Run Jun 5th 1862

Dear Aunt

We have arrived safely at home and much to our gratification escaped an examination[.] we were not called upon for our keys although we were assured in Cincinnati that we would undoubtedly have to undergo a search[.] We had a very pleasant trip home[.] we arrived in Lexington at 7 o'clock and found the city strictly guarded[.] they were arresting a secessionist[.] we remained there a night and day. The weather has been very mild since our return[.] I found some violets blooming in the yard.

Cousin Ellen Searles is quite well and says she would like very much to make you a visit but I think she is too much of a secessionist to get along very well on your side of the river[.] The secessionist[s] look upon the giving up of Mason and Slidell as a very disgraceful affair to the Government[.] I can see that they are very anxious for a war with England[.] they say the difficulty will be settled then and the Southern Confederacy will be acknowledged[.] But I have written enough of this[.] give my love to all the children[.] Kiss Julia for me and tell her I often think of her[.] Please send me all letters that come for me as they require an extra stamp[.] I will send some in this letter[.] Ma sends her love to you all please excuse bad writing as I have written in a great hurry[.] hoping to hear from you soon I remain affectionately your neice

Jennie Price