

Fernandina Florida
October the 2nd 1860

My dearest Sallie

Your affectionate letter dated September the 26th has been received by me a few moments ago. I am always anxious to hear from you dear Sallie that I will not neglect an opportunity [*sic*] to write to you knowing that the return mail will bring me a respond [*sic*] from her who is dearer, dearer to me than my verry [*sic*] life. This past storm prevented me from receiveing [*sic*] your letter sooner. I came down the river Satterday [*sic*] and had to remain at St. Mary's until [*sic*] today. Oh, how anxious I was to arrive here yesterday anxious to hear from you and anxious to vote. The only consolation I experience is that Drysdale a union man had to share my sollitude [*sic*]. This place has near 200 votes and Hopkins got 7, Allen 2, and Perry the union candidate for Representitive [*sic*] from this county receive[d] 5 votes. You wish to know dear Sallie when will I go to see you again. I sincerely hope it will be soon although at present it is impossible for me to name any deffirent [different] time. I am positive dear Sallie the day is not distant. You wish to know dearest how I enjoyed myself at the Barbecue. I enjoyed myself verry, verry [*sic*] much indeed. It was a pleasure for me to meet with so many democrats and a pleasure for me to see so many of my friends—some that I have not seen for seven or eight years and others that I am always delighted to see. Write soon and often dear, dear Sallie as my happiest moments is while perusing your letters.

Since the Barbecue dear Sallie I have not been verry well and at one time I had strong sv [?] of the fever and agues. Since receiveing your dear letter I have been greatly relieved. My kind regard to your Father and Mother, Sister and brothers. When you write dear Sallie let me know how Florida Pigs is thriving. Write soon Sallie to your dear, dear and

devoted lover
Jacob E. Mickler

P.S. The hour hand is near 12 and I will close my eyes as I do this letter thinking of you, you who is the spirit of my dreams.

Yours
J.E.M.

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