

MacLane & Sister think of sending Robt to Yorkville the first
of September to the Military School. There are ten or twelve
Boys going from Beaufort. It is said to be a fine institution
her parents say. They know they will try him very much he is
such an obliging good natured fellow. Beaufort Aug 18th 1856
in fact we ~~would~~ all feel his absence keenly but we hope it is for the
best. He is perfectly willing to go & I sincerely hope that he will do well.

My Beloved Brother

Fathers very affectionate & acceptable
letter was received by last Friday's Boat for which
I thank him very much we look anxiously every Friday
for the Boat hoping as usual that there is a letter
for one of us from Father or yourself we are indeed
pained to learn that our dear Lady & Brother
Robert are both suffering so much the former
poor soul we sincerely hoped had passed through
the most of her suffering & we were flattering
ourselves that she would soon be quite well
again. But we will still hope for the best, with
regard to dear Brother Robert I must confess that
I was shocked when I heard that he had ^{got} ~~had~~ ^{got} ~~had~~ ^{got}
of the lung - the last letter that I received from
Anna they mentioned that his health had
improved a great deal & that he looked much
better - I hope he may be prevailed upon to come
down to Beaufort I feel persuaded that the change
will prove beneficial to him - Bay point is crowded
at present there are thirty odd persons down
there now but I hope that some who are
down there will soon be coming up - Dr. P. says that
he will do all in his power to obtain if only one
room & take him there. With regard to the yellow

fever it is really so that it is in Charleston & Savannah but we do earnestly hope & pray that it will not reach Beaufort - Should it increase there & if there is any probability of its reaching us Mr R. says that he will not hesitate to leave Beaufort immediately he can procure lumber here & with our carpenters & the assistance of others he could soon have a house building put up on Baypoint sufficiently large to accommodate Mr Sims & family & ours. We beg therefore that Mother & yourself will not be distressed about us. we passed through too much anxiety of mind the last time to remain here again. It is thought by every one that the severe storm that we had that year was the cause of its reaching Beaufort - There was a great deal of sediment deposited about the streets occasioned by the tides overflowing them which caused a very unpleasant smell. Beaufort is very healthy at present there are only a few cases of fever in the upper part of the town near the fort. Drs Ewen & Philip have been sick for upwards of a week with fever & Thomas Ellis also - Sister has been quite indisposed for some time time with a severe cold & cough but she is much better now, I also feel better than I did. Rich & myself have both had two fits of fever lately but by taking medicine & a quantity of quinine we succeeded in breaking it. Rich looks very thin & badly but

He is very cheerful & full of fun & kept him
from school one week but he has been head of
his class for a month & he was not willing to lose
his place by staying at home, he is improving very
fast & is quite an ambitious little fellow, he is
now spelling in six syllables studis dictionary with
meaning & has commenced writing he says he wants to
make a smart man if he lives & I add a poor
good man, Sister & myself have both been fatiguing
a good deal lately in arranging for our children's parties
they have been invited to several this summer & we did
not like them to attend without giving in return - but
I am very glad that we have got over the trouble &
expenses for this time, we were completely foundered
by right Sister's children had theirs last Friday
week & our children the following Monday I found
Mrs Oswald very kindly she was with me almost
all day & displayed a great deal of taste in arranging
the table it was beautiful, there were ninety one
children at it of all sizes they seemed to enjoy
themselves very much, even the little Addy attended
the parties but when the children began to
race about she tells her momma to hold her
hand so that they will not hurt her she seldom
stays to the supper but the ladies give her
a good supply of nice things to bring home
Caral & Ricky are so delighted that they would
be willing to stay until twelve if they were allowed
Sally also delights in them but John will not attend them

Lewis cannot be prevailed upon to join us even when his Brothers & Sister had company & he spent the Evening with Mr Montague's Sister & myself could not help wishing that we could get some of the Ice Cream & other things up to all of you Paro & Addy begged that we would send up the Country for their little Cousin little knowing the distance dear little Livi has out six teeth & is as fat as a nice bird & as quiet & sweeter than ever I wrote to Lady & Anna on Saturday & thought it best to direct this letter to Barnwell not knowing exactly where you are I have no doubt dear Mother that your presence will cheer dear Lady a great deal also Brother Robert do Mother will you try & prevail on him to come down as soon as possible I have written to beg him to come Sister is writing to Lady & Anna today she along with Dr Sam & Reynolds writes with me in much love to Father & yourself The children all unite in much love & many regards to their dear Grandparents little Livi sends her double share to her Grandmother This letter was written last Monday I had not heard that the Boat would leave Sunday night so that it has been in the house until today which is Saturday since writing above I have received a letter from our dear Lady often mentioned that she was still suffering very much Bro R has not yet come down we are expecting him every day Lady mentioned that they had summoned him to work the Roads & it was uncertain when he would be down but her letter has been written three weeks ago & has just reached us We feel very anxious to hear from Lawtonville how hope & trust that ere this bath of them are ~~in~~ better Nanny has show fever almost every day which makes him look very badly The saltwater have made their appearance on St Helena they will I fear soon reach us hoping that Father & yourself with the rest of the family are quite well as ever your affectionate daughter Ann E. Reymond