

Waterville Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 1861

Col Christian, Dear Sir

I have just received a letter from <sup>my</sup> Son Elias Montgomery, he is quite sick my appeal to you is that my Son our only Son may return that he may have a Mother's care, if he remains where he is, we believe he must speedily die.

we do most imploringly ask of you knowing you to be a kind hearted sympathizing man, the privilege of a Burrough under these distressing circumstances, by so doing you will confer the

greatest favours on your true  
friends <sup>all</sup> ~~all~~

We tender to you our sincere  
prayers for yourself and the  
entire regiment

yours affectionately

Mrs Sarah C. Montgomery

Please Answer as soon as  
you receive this, and direct to  
Waterville, Oneida County

S. G.