

But a few determined "Rebels" gave us
a lesson long to be remembered. While in Charleston
we stopped on Sullivan's Island on which
Fort Moultrie is situated. Where we enjoyed
the sea breeze & sunbathing in a summer
indiscribable by me. Lodep & Gentry portraits
in this lifeing & soul inspiring amusement
on the beautiful beach which is
said to far excel anything of the
kind in America in grandeur ^{particular}
attractions. While promenading
one day on this beautiful beach, the
party stopped & began writing notes
there on, in this I lent a keeping hand
& found myself writing *James* *Lincoln*
Can you tell me what I wrote. You were
on the sea beach the only explanation I can give
is that though absent in person present
in spirit. ^{the beach is 6 miles long} There is a great many
beautiful Residences on the Isle built up since
the war

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My Dear Friend,

Nor that I am ^{at home} ~~at home~~ have the
"leisure" I will endeavor to respond to your
kind letter of recent date, which reached
its destination in due time personal
drop since I found one as I trust this
may find you all in the best of health
surrounded by the most pleasant associa-
tions of this life. I cannot tell you what
my ^{thoughts} are with regard to your ~~raising~~
& nephew for one so sumptuous.
I shall watch his career with a great
deal of pride I trust he may be a
far more useful & better man than
his distant namesake. 'Yes I fully
concur with you about the "fourth finding"
I think he will be very unfortunate if posses-
ed of such a temperament. I am well above the

anything but an amiable one on one
calculated to promote happiness & make
fast friends. I hope to be able to say
you in a suitable manner some time for
your kind consideration. & my thoughts
will constantly turn to this as one of the
pleasant episodes of my life. I have
just returned from the Ft. Moultrie "Centen-
nial" at Charleston S.C. where I remained
several days (accompanied by bro. Alf wife
& 2 children & quite a number of the fair sex) in the
enjoyment of the company of old &
tried & true army associates & friends who
spared no pains to make my sojourn
among pleasant & happy. Some of these
I had not met since we furl'd our
stars. Crossed borders at Greenbarr S.C.
eleven years ago. Oh! the many changes
wrought in this seeming brief period.
Many who were pleasant & cheerful faces
then are now sleeping on "fares eternal
camping ground." Yet they have
"crossed o'er the river & are resting

under the shade of the trees." It would be
needless for me to attempt to describe or
in a meagre manner this "Centennial." I
am not capacitated to do the subject
justice. Hence I enclose you a "poem"
& a few extracts from one of the City papers
giving a remote idea of the events of
"Centennial" celebration. Boston had
her "Tiger Rifles", New York her "Old
Guard" with other northern leaders in
addition nearly every Southern City
sent a Co. or delegation to partici-
-pate in perpetuating an event that
will live till time itself shall be no
more. A few hundred "Rebels" led
by Moultrie, Marion, Jasper &
other kindred spirits behind a
himine breastwork formed of Palmetto
logs then (Palmetto trees is the emblem of S.C.) together
in the rudest manner fought one whole
day, defeated & drove back the pride of the
English navy. Though she thought she
was mistress of the high seas & of this Country