

Columbus Miss

July 17th 1862

Dear Bro. Meddley.

On yesterday about 10 o'clock
your son-in-law Mr James Jarrell departed this
life. It was a rapid case of measles;
which affected the brain & bowels. He had
the best medical attention, and good nursing
and comfortable quarters, but no art could
save his life. On the evening before his
death, I had a long talk with him about
his spiritual condition. He said that he greatly
desired to see his wife and child once
more, but that he was prepared to die -
felt that God had for Christ sake pardoned
his sins, and requested "say to my wife to
meet me in heaven". He was sick when he
returned here, and was not put upon any duty.
So quickly do we pass away - How careful

Then ought we to live - It seems to me
a very easy matter for a man to die in Camp -
Every man seems to run into typhoid fever
either affecting the Brain or bowels or the
lungs in case of pneumonia. His brother
Jo Farrell has been sick for several days,
but he is improving and I think will get
well. We have lost about twenty men
only as yet, although we have more than
thousand & fifty in the sick list. For
the first time we had a shower of rain yesterday.

The corn crop will be short in this section - It
is too late now for any seasons to bring out the
crop - I hope by this time that we have had
seasons in Hamburg & Macon - If Richard should
not be rejected by the Surgeon of the Conscript Camp
let him make choice of Capt Talbot: Co. 37th Regt
Illa Vol. - There is room in the Company for him.
I think upon proper examination that he will be
rejected by the Surgeon of the Conscript Camp for
disability - Health good - Kind regards to Mr. Janney, write
soon - Truly yours
J. F. Dowdell