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Document: *Letter from Thomas Welsh to Lillie Welsh (daughter), dated April 18, 1862*

Transcript:

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My Dear little Pudding Daughter

I was so glad to receive those nice little letters that you sent to me, and so glad to hear – that you were right well, except that time when you had a sore throat, and oh! but that made me feel sorry – I was also very glad to read all about your party only that you forgot to give me the names of the children that attended your party or to tell me how much fun you had. I was very sorry that you ran away one day and went down to Wall's, and staid [stayed] there all afternoon and that Mamma had to whip you for being so naughty. I guess you won't do so any more, will you?

I guess you and Blanty helps Jim pull weeds in the garden – and helps Momma to plant Corn and Beans.

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You ought to be here with Papa to live in his nice little House, Oh but it is nice – it is just about as large as one of our Rooms at home – I have such nice stools to set on and a nice sofa and so many nice things, that you could play with, and then you could go out and walk along the sea shore and gather such pretty shells and see so many Birds flying about in the air and swimming in the water, and then you and Papa could get into a Boat and ride way out on the water. Wouldn't all that be very fine? Or you could go to the stable and see old Jerry and old Barney – or play with Dixie.

I guess Mamma will have to tie your clothes up in a bundle, and send you and Blanty away down to old South Carolina. Effie too might come along and have some sport.

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When you see Mrs. Mullen tell her that Amos was here last week to see your Papa, and that Amos is very well and is such a large fat looking fellow that she would hardly know him.

Tell Aunt Lizzie that Howard is right well, and that he writes home very often, and that he likes to get letters from home.

And now my Dear little daughter you must try and be a very good little girl until Papa comes home, and oh but Papa will love you.

Tell Blanton that he must be a good boy. Effie, Mazie, Alice, Maggie & Alice must all be good girls, and Jim must be a good boy too—

So now good bye my sweet little girl.

Your affectionate Papa

Thos Welsh



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Analysis: McMahon

This letter is addressed to "My Dear little Pudding Daughter" and seems to be intended for Lillie Welsh, his youngest daughter at that time. Lillie's name is also not mentioned at the end of the letter when various family members are mentioned by name.

Scope and Content:

Handwritten letter from Thomas Welsh to his daughter, Lillie Welsh. From Otter Island, South Carolina. Letter thanks Lillie for writing, for telling him about her party, and chides her for running away "one day." Letter also describes his "little house," the area around the camp, and a visit from Amos Mullen. Encourages all to be good.

