Farmville Va
Sept. 16th, 1863

Dear Father I
set myself this evening
to write you a few lines
to let you know how I am
getting along I am about
but my breast hurts me
a little this evening I
hope this may find you
all well & doing well I
was sorry to hear that uncle
wiley had to go off but not
only sorry that Calvin Winston
had to go & Henry Pierce I wrote
you a letter I yesterday was a week ago

& I wrote in it for you to send
me a little money & if you hav
started it it has not come to
hand as yet it may come to
morrow morning I received your
letter the other day but I
thought I would wait for &
answer from the one that
I wrote before I wrote but I had
to write at last write as soon
as you get this & let me hear
from you all I got a letter from
James Young the other day &
he & wes was well, also I got
a letter from Tink Spencer &
he was well I will send you
a ~~fee~~ peace of Poetry that Tink

sent me & look at it & see
if you dond think it suited
as I hav wrote about all
I can think of I shall
to close so nothing mor
from you son

T J Sowry

As I heard of the
Tearing up of the Re
Standard & the State Journal
& I didnt care for none of it
both of them ought to be in
the field or at least Spelman
had I am not in favour of
neither of them