

and the high compliments passed  
upon it by all who are acquainted  
with its operations I find it  
enjoy the highest reputation

I saw Bob Woolley in Mobile he enquired  
about you also Charley Johnson  
they knew nothing late from you  
Present my highest regard to  
Mrs Erwin.

write to me at Little Rock care  
of Gov Reynolds

May God bless and protect  
you, in all times of danger is  
the earnest wish of

Your Friend Truly  
Jas W. Thornton

Jackson Miss April 22<sup>nd</sup> 63

Col Eugene Erwin

I was disappointed when I  
returned to this place and found that  
your Regiment had removed from the distance  
to Grand Gulf, as I desired very much  
to see you, I congratulate you upon  
your good fortune in having your wife  
& children with you, I have not even  
heard anything definite from (my) since  
I saw you last - does Mrs Erwin know  
anything of them? Edwin sent me  
word by Hamilton Jimmy, that my wife  
had applied for a pass to come South  
but whether she got it, or if so how  
she will come I am entirely in the  
dark about, and am compelled to  
go back on the other side, before I can  
learn