especially as for they are to day determined to get up a ball for us and in the mean time to bring down a second relief to keep us going.

I was in New Orleans a short time and saw Bob he is looking very well and I am glad to say I think him a changed man he is very attentive to his business and much liked by his employers, he is getting enough to support him and nothing more, for New Orleans is one of the most expensive places in the World, but Bob is now fully convinced of the necessity of working for himself and has the folly of his past career and I have not the slightest doubt but what he will now succeed he has a hard time of it, and I hope you and Father will encourage him in your next letters, for I think it will open him up in the honorable & praiseworthy course he is now pursuing I will endeavor to get him to come up this Xmas and spend a few weeks with me [illegible] for I will not be able [illegible] this spring, for more than two, and I will defer it [illegible] and apply for dis[illegible]

and spend the Winter with you, I have just received a letter from Brother William and am glad to hear you are all well at home, say to Father that it is impossible for him to sell his horses either south or west, that people are dying every day by hundreds and the money is scarce by worth 25 cts in the dollar. Excuse this scrawl, for I must apologize for it, I merely think that you will be able to read it, I have not yet my room fixed and have no conveniences [illegible] for writing, Much love to all

Iam your affectionate
Son
S. R. Gorrow