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[letter of Pauline Bruce Duke to her mother]

wish he would come home-- Well Ma, the papers seam [seem] bent & determined on placing ± accusing the Southerners for the assasination [assassination] of President Lincoln-- for which, "Andy Johnson" [President Andrew Johnson] will deal with the Southern people severely-- I tremble to think their cause will hence forth be in his hands-- What can the South expect from him!

Little Mae [May] is growing sweeter every day-- She has only four teeth yet. Give a heap of love to Nannie, Rettie [Henrietta] & Lillie-- I hope Nan's sicknefs [sickness] will prove nothing serious-- I shall write again + let you know what day we will be down-- Lutie + Sister Mollie have gone to Danville to see Bro [Brother] Will's family Mr Duke joins me in much love to each one of you-- Hoping to be with you soon I am Your loving Pauline

[vertically along the left margin]

Mr Duke says to tell Lil [Lillie], that he will bring her down the Hempseed--