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Fort Ridgely April 17, 1863

## Dear People

Today is mail day again and I expect a letter from you, the down mail closes before the mail gets up. So I will answer it in advance. There is nothing new to tell you of only that Fort Ridgely is Safe there was quite an excitement the first of the week among the men by the arrival of the scouts from Yellow Medicine saying they had captured a prisoner and that there were seven more on their way down to new Ulm & Mankato which number very rapidly increased to 2500, coming to attack the Fort if the report grew as rapidly on its way to Shakopee no doubt you think we are all roasted by savages before this time, a party went up & brot down the prisoner & another party went to look for the others but without success, the prisoner reports about 2500 with little Crow, and his Head Quarters to be at Devils Lake. I hope

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Description: Moses Greenleaf letter from Fort Ridgely, Minnesota

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How is Uncle Moses, and the rest of you, have you had any more parties lately. How are the town people getting along. Have you got your fence built & garden made oh dear I wish I was home to do it. Ive had the blues for several days but that is nothing dangerous.

Yours Moses