Taking Richmond. Don't think he knows how or is able to take it—{he did. Though perhaps I am mistaken. I hope I am. This is a way to write. A letter I set down with precisely nothing to write and then managed to fill up a sheet of paper and to say nothing. Except what you already know that I would like to hear from you a little oftener. The bushwhackes are not all cleared out of Missouri yet, and I see by the papers that they manage to pick up a dollar or two while they goes hard for those that fall into their hands, but our boys will keep 'em with them. And those that we