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I am at home once more. I can hardly realize that Seale is the base and at home for good is a Southerner.

It is the general opinion that the war is at an end.

How long years we have struggled, suffered, fought and shed the best blood of our land and have failed to accomplish our object - and our condition is now far worse than it was at the beginning of this eventful period.

Our country has been devastated our people impoverished and our homes made desolate without success in our endeavors Texas and all Southern States will be governed soon by Federal Authority.

But this the downfall of my country and the destruction of her institutions is too sad a theme for my pen to dwell upon.

I am now released from the duties of a Soldier and I have no employment - I shall remain at home during the summer months and in I hope I may be able to go to school but in regard to that I will form no

conjectures. But I will be ready to be governed by events and circumstances. I will quietly await the development of affairs.