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H.H. Lenoir, Marion County, Mississippi, to children

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My Dear Children

Your joint Letter of Dec^r 25 was rec^d in due time and should have been answered long before now. I have no excuse to make but my habit of putting off for another time. I hope you will excuse me for neglect in writing to you sooner. I will now say that my family are all in Common health Henrietta about as usual sometimes Complaining Considerably of pains in ^{her} System through out I fear she is never to enjoy good health any more I wish it may ultimately have the effect, ^{to} lead her to look to God for happiness here and eternal Life hereafter

I hope my dear children that you striving to make to make your calling & Elections sure by an upright walk and Godly Conversation doing the will of God from the heart for the Saviour ~~he~~ said not every one that saight to me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven but he that doeth the Will of My Father which is in Heaven. We are trying to prepare for putting in another Crop but the weather has been so Cold that we ^{have} made but little progress. I have never seen such a Cold and wet a season since I have been in the Country as we have had ever since Christmas. I will now state a Circumstance at which you will no doubt be astonish'd Let May who Married Sarah Commenced to keep house about the first of January I gave Sarah Amanda Kizzys daughter who has two children. as a Cook she seem Satisfied about the middle of

Feb. Sarah who Never drinks Coffee pour'd some milk from a pitcher was a bout to eat with some biscuit taking some in her mouth found it bitter spit it out took some more found it the same LeMay ~~took~~ never eats Milk at Supper he took the glass trim'd of the milk slowly found a deposit in which was analyzed & pronounced to be stricknine he however tried to get the girl to drink the Milk which she refused to do he used no Coertion with her took to jail and let know of the matter after hearing the Circumstances I determined to send her off and sell her she insisted that she was innocent there was no other person to do it and from the Circumstances I am convinced her Object was to poison Sarah.

I now turn to a more pleasing Subject I notice in both your Letters Mention Made of Contemplated Visit to us down ^{here} this summer I hope it will not be a thing ^{that} will be put off upon a slight excuse I would rejoice to see you all again before I go hence I be no more on earth although my health as a general thing is good for one of My age yet I begin to feel that I am going down on the other side of the ridge and perhaps it may not be Long before I reach the foot of the Hill I hope therefore you will not fail to Come Give My Love to the Children all and to Cousin W^m & my best wishes & Respects. And receive for yourselves the Undivided Love of A Father

N. H. LeNoir. Sen^r

B. The family all join in Love to you all