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Your husband Willie, to "Dearest one"

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Dearst One

As Willy goes to Aberdeen to ~~my~~^{morrow} I write to let you know that we are all still in the lands of the living and except Mom Nancy all able to eat our allowance. The Old woman is about as she was when I last wrote, her legs very much stilled. I am doing the best I can for her but have but little hope that she will ever be about again. The boys W & J will be home soon as I send for them home on Friday evening and when they arrive I will write you how they are, they like the school very well and I think they will learn fast. For the last 4 days we have been flooded with rain so much so that my ploughing has been suspended for that time, the cotton is growing rapidly but I fear it will make but little, though if the residue of this month proves favorable we may yet do well in that line. as for the corn it is made and we will gather an abundance unless storms should blow it down and cause it to rot. Things in the garden look so, so, only my figs are doing well, but the peach was an entire failure. The last of the Cape Jessamines has buded so we have four now growing and I think they will do well they look very thrifty. The century plants all growing, and the scupper-
-mouy

which I thought was dead has again put out
buds, what it will do I cannot tell

The wet weather and the wood pickers will
destroy all the apples we have some peaches
but not many and they not very good they
are large enough, but quite acid I will try and
have a jar full preserved for you. The water
melons will prove an entire failure on acct of
the wet weather. The vines are all dying
Muskmelons will be plenty

I omitted to tell you that I had rec^d another
letter from you for which please receive my best
thanks and with them 1000 Russes and consider
as many more due which I will pay you when
I see you and that with compound Interest
your letters are angels visits in deed and for
them in my present loneliness I can not sufficiently
express my gratitude. I hope my dearest that
by the time this reaches you ~~that~~ you will be
improving in health and spirits, may it be so
and may my dear sons health be rapidly im-
proving. If I were with you I think things would
work better and if I could have home to stay
I would be with you soon, but I cannot with
any propriety do so now. I am digging the cistern
for the engine and compelled to be about it
most of the time for fear of accidents it is about
half done and when finished will hold
30000 gallons enough to last all the year

The boys are at Home and in good health
and as lively as you could wish. Mr Harri-
son's family are well. his white family, Among
his negroes there has been some bad cases
but all on the mend. I see them but seldom

Willy says tell his mother and brother to
make haste and get well and come how he
wishes to see you very much. James sends
his love to you both and says he wishes
to see you very bad, that is their own language

I am writing by candle light and a tallow
one at that and cannot see very well when
the lens ran and you must excuse me for
closing as I have no news from Abroad
the neighbors are generally healthy. Sarah
Horton is still at Huntsville and in as
bad health as ever-

Give my love to Blanchard and ac-
cept an abundant share for your self it
would do my ears good to hear your voice
at home again if ever you in scolding
Italy & suit

Your well may guardian
angels ever protect you from harm

Your Husband

Respects to Mr Dowd & Dr

Wille

Tell Amelia Lanna is well and anxious to
see her and Mussy