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Willie Lenoir, Marlin, Texas, to Mary Lenoir

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My Dearest Mary

Though the blessing of the goods
and we reached ~~this~~ our home on yesterday at
2 O'Clock P.M. all on foot though some are
a little indisposed, and all more or less
travel worn. Several of the young ones have
been afflicted with light attacks of diarrhea
and I think all the children likewise caused
by eating Hickory nuts and other wild fruit
together with frequent changes of water, none
have died and to day all but Mily are
up. She is not bad off and will be at work
in a day or two, cutting down the brush in the
bottom. This Morning I started the boys to
cutting house logs for negro cabins and the
women to washing their clothes and took
Dan and the shatter jig and came to town
for some things that were much needed, axes
Coffin & sugar wash tubs &c. and was much
pleased to find a letter from My Dearest
Mary & My loved child. May God ever bless
you both, for your promptness in writing, I
wrote to you several times on the route home

L.C. to our Texas home, once from Canton then
from Fort Jessup. I am sorry indeed that you
and dear Blanchard should still continue in
bad health. I hope my Dearest-One will be pru-
dent and not expose her self unnecessarily, try to
preserve your health for my sake, for without
you I would not care to live, save to see my
dear children raised to mens estate, and then I
feel that I would be willing to depart and again
meet you where parting is not known, Comfort my
dear afflicted child with the assurance that his
fathers love him and will love him to the last
do all you can, get any one you can, to prescribe
for him in whom you have any confidence
and may God of his infinite mercy bless the
means to his entire recovery, Tell him I appreciate
his letter very much and can hear that horn
Do try and get the negroes to be careful about
fire. It would be a terrible piece of business to
get the houses burned. I am better pleased with
purchase in this county now than ever and would
rejoice could you see things as they are and feel
and think as I do, there has been considerable
rain here and yet the roads are all dry and
traveling quite pleasant. I have some quite a number

of my Texas acquaintances to day and they are so
cordial in their greetings. More sociality exists here
than in Aberdeen. Mr Harrison accompanied me
as far as Morgan Point at which our roads
diverged and there we parted each taking the
road for home. he is a man to be relied on un-
der any and all circumstances, he had several
cases of sickness amongst his blacks and had
the misfortune to loose one of his little negroes on
the trip, it died on the day that we passed St.
Augustine, and was buried under a tree by
the road side. Its death was caused by neglect on
the part of its mother. There is no prospect of my
trading with Fortune for his homestead and
consequently I will not move any more of the
negroes this season. Joseph Mays has left here
and if he comes to see you tell him that I
stand to the proposition submitted to him by
Mr Harrison and let him commence so soon
as he is ready. Hope has not yet reached here
I am expecting him every hour. The man who occupies
my place is still on it and has still 10 bales of
cotton to gather and at the rate of speed they make
~~it will~~ take till March to pick it out, I must leave
the house on the first of January. My share of the

wild amount - to 250 bushels of corn and about 4
bales of cotton. Pork will be plenty at 4¹/₂ to 5 cts
per lb. Corn is abundant at 50 cts per bushel and
at these prices ~~no~~ one needs suffer, the corn
that I must buy, I can get on the place from
Watty. Tell Buds that Dan & Joe, each set out
a hook last night - and this morning each had
their hooks straitened, Deer and Turkeys are
abundant, Lucy requests me to say to you that she
sends her love to Missy and little Mass and to
all of her friends who think her worth enquiring
after especially Amelia when you see her, Betty
sends her regards to your self and B. and
to her children and her father. Nily says tell
Missy & Little Mass howdy and say to her mother
and father that she sends her love to them
Dan sends his love to his kindred and prays
them all well says he thinks this country will
be much better than Monroe, The balance all
say howdy to all, Tell Whitman and James
that I send my love to them and pray that they may
live in peace, I am well may God bless you,
all with health and happiness is the prayer
of your -

Willie