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H.H. Lenoir, Marlin, Texas, to brother

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Dear Brother

I again take my pen
to let you know that through the blessings
of an alwise Providence we are all still
spared among the living but not well
my dear wife's health is any thing but good
for the last 8 or 10 days she has been confin-
ed most of the time to the bed with fever
and her old complaints To day she is
up and appears to be mending a little
of late she has been very low, spirited
she has been off the place but once since
our arrival here and no one comes to see
her I have given all the ladies that I have
seen an invitation to call but to no ^{purpose}
they may be sociable but it is a curious
sociability to me though it is true
there are but few ladies near us. I have 2
of the women down on the sick list
Louisa and James nothing much the
matter the balance all hearty
Last week I commenced trying to plant
cotton but had to give it up the ground

being so hard that it is almost impossible
to get the ploughs in at all and from
present prospect it is likely to remain
so for some time to come for 3 weeks
we have had verry cool weather with some
4 or 5 frost not enough however to do any
damage to do justice the ploughs ought to
be sharpened 3 times a week and besides
they are continually breaking and giving
and the ones that ^{you} bought are all on the lift give
it up while breaking the old ground I am
now verry fearful that the spring ^{drudg}
has set in and that I cannot get my cotton
planted until verry late, if at all
my corn is up a verry good stand except about
~~three~~ acres that I had to plant over the corn
looks well and is now large enough for working
The fruit you brought are nearly all living &
of the figs are growing and the other I think
will grow, the Peach seed are coming up also,
the plums the Apple seed are doing verry poorly
but few have come up yet: the hogs are doing
tolerably well they have not had pigs as they
ought the ones that you bought have only
21 so far ~~as~~ to pig yet I have tried ever since
you left to get some shoats but have failed
entirely we missed in not buying from Tolbert
We have had quite an excitement in ^{ounce} course

of the Indians coming down in Bell county
and committing murder and stealing horses
week before last they killed several persons
I do not know how many but they got a
great many horses there were 2 companies
started in pursuit but I have not heard
whether they were ever taken or not it is
believed that it is the reserve Indians and
that the agents are at the head or at least
know of it persons have gone to the agents
and seen horses that they had lost with
the brand of the agent on them Judge
Perry lost 2 fine horses a mare and stallion
whether the Judge was in the stallion or
not I do not know, who ever the keeper
was any escaped by quitting the horse
and taking to a thicket there is one thing
certain white men are at the head
of the operations tomorrow I will learn
more of the particulars and let you know

Give my love to all the family tell Whit
he must quit being so scary that I want
him to come and help me Bear hunt next
winter Fannie joins in love to all the family

Farewell Brother may the Lord bless you all
is the Prayer of your Brother
I sent turkey taunting one morning killed 3
5 old gobblers and one hen

H. H. L.

I have heard nothing
more from the Indian
depravations