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Dear Wife

Yours came safe to hand I was glad to hear of the welfare of the children and sorry to hear of your affliction though hope you will soon be well. We had a very serious time getting down we got more frt than we wanted and stuck fast 36 hours at the sisters above Wheeling & had to lighten & then stuck again on Blanerhassets Isld for 12 hours & had to lighten & had fog & consequently did not get here till this morning. I have entered into the Cin & Parkersburg Trade and will leave here for Parkersburg tomorrow at 12 Oclock. I have a full load engaged one item in 100 Beef Cattle for Kanatha for a government office for which I get \$300.00 and full load of Flour Whiskey &c we had no accident to occur on our down trip that will amt. to anything serious though we wet a few Sacks of Oats. I will not go down to see the Old Lady to night as I want rest and if I feel not to much fatigued by morning I will go down while it is cool it has been exceedingly hot here today and I have been very bussily engaged and had scarcely any sleep since I left home so I require rest. Bill Whitacre came down to the Boat this Evening to see me he looks very bad has a very long Beard. We had a short talk and he gives a dollfull account of his experience south.

There was some of the hardest passengers down with us from Greentupobus this time I ever saw among the lot was 2 Prisoners in Irons on their way Frankford Prison one from drowning a man and the other for stealing sheep you would think that the very devil had broke loose if you would see and hear all that I do about the Sesseshinists and the others the war is far from over I could have had a good trip to Nashville but did not like to go on account of the late news from down that way and now I think we are in the right place and have good prospects and will make money right fast we made a little on our down trip I will stop give all the children a Kiss for me tell Wm to be a good boy and take care of your own health

affectionately your husband goodnight

WBA

Write to me again as soon as you get this and the letter will be here on our return I feel well though am almost wore out though think I will have it easier now as we will not stick so much in the Parkersburg trade

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