

Fort, Caswell, Feb. ^{The} 12, 1864

Dear Wife I seat my

Self to drop you a few lines

This morning To Drop you

a few lines in answer to your

kind epistle I received this

morning I received uncles

and one from you at the same

time I received them Tuesday

Last I answered uncles the

same day,, Well, Ma, I am well

By mercy of Almighty God and

I hope those lines will find

you and family all well Ma,

I want that field next meigs

from the big road over to the

peach tree next to the house

and plant that little bottom

down in the hole in sugar cane

and that fresh stripe along

the fence in cane up to where

the corn stops I want all

the stubble ground down next

teters planted I want all

the stubble ground planted

Send them plow that Nigor
Laid to the shop and git them
Set over the wont plow the
way the are and I left a piece
of iron at the shop wagon tire
I or Sandy McKinley for 3
Bales Bagin and hoops there was
^{no} raps on them I told you to pay
Sandy Mc but I didnt tel
you to settle with wash
because I knew that wash nor
you didnt know how it was
wash oed me for two hides
I took there when he was
drunk and the wadent charge
on his books him and Mc
colly was both drunk and
he oed me for 12 Bushels
of cotton seeds the hides
and seeds was worth for
ten dollars the hides waly
waid about 60 pounds
green I told John
to settle with wash when
I sent him the account [77]

but I had forgotten it
I think I ot to have ten
dolars for my kids and seeds
So you see you were ~~too~~ too
fast that time if my conc
is not worth asking for I
ant wait your while to
write to me I dont want
you da a thing and asque my
council it was well a nup
to settle with Mark if
you had a nade how if you
can git a two horse wagen
By it it dont make no
diferns what it cost
I wad rather have the wagen
than the money I wad like
to have a good one if it
cost L 13 or 350 hundred I
mean or 4 hundred
if it is a good one
you never told me whether
you got that hay or no
my cloth shous no word

I have asked you
about Sum of the night
and no satisfactory answer
only something about here
does you wrote me something
3 month ago but never
told me head nor tale of
it I don't like a half
of tale if you don't want
to tell your secrets don't
tell me part of them
I want a whole wife
or none I don't want
no diversion when I start
to write this letter I thought
I would write you a sweet
letter but my heart
wouldn't permit me to
do so if I have wrote
amiss I beg pardon
peace be with you ma
God - Bless you
in all your travels amen

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