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Dear Ell

I receaved your Affectionate letter and was truly glad to hear you were all well I am feeling only tolerable I am now at Whits up staris I thought perhaps it would be best Bet insisted on my remaning with her but I was afraid it might put them to some inconvenience you know me to well for that I promised her If I am well enough to go back and stay some with her when Ellen & Walter leaves I have not seen Martha Mariants Virginia since you left Van comes every chance she can get while Writing Virginia steped in my roome glad to see her said she had been quite sick again had another Chile well Maria is

to be so industrious and has so much on her mind I excuse them all I appreciate yours and the Childrens letters very much my love to all may the Lord bless you all is the Prayer of your Sincere and Affectionate Brother

Maria A Kearney