

excuse all mistakes and burn up

April the 7<sup>th</sup> 70

Dear Ell

I write you a few lines  
this morning to let you hear  
how we are getting on I feel better  
the last week I have not been out  
at all since you left the weather  
has been so unpleasant Billy has not  
been working but three days since you  
left the ground has been so wet that  
he had to put of sowing the seed he is  
now at work I try to make Sam assist  
in hulling Manure and plowing I  
hope we may have some good weather  
now Keller sent her letter of yesterday  
to Billy he wrote that Johnny was not  
well and she said she had been dreaming  
about you down there and was unisy  
about Johnny I hope he has recovered by  
this time I am in hopes you will be  
able to get up in May has Lear succeed  
in getting more hands perhaps it may be

but we cant tell there seems to be  
a great scarcity for Corn atleast  
here I dont know what some of the  
poor & orphans will do What was heard  
yesterday said he thought they would  
get a plenty for something to eat  
Martha has been up to see me I think  
she is looking badly her and Mary  
speaks of going down the country the  
first good weather stay with you as they  
go down and with Johnny as they return  
Warrington is very dull at this time  
Mr Parker has gone North I guess all  
the merchants will be up for their winter  
goods Gen Lee was in town last  
week Maria Alston is as invited up  
to see him she was very much pleased  
with the Old Gentleman he went out  
to see his Daughters grave Bet  
spent the day with me yesterday she  
is looking well tell Johnny Belder  
says she intends writing to him soon  
Mary Ann was up last week speaks of

going to Richmond Conrad has  
gone she expects to go in the fall  
I do hope she may get along there and  
be satisfied I am sorry Henry Williams  
health is bad he has been suffering  
a great deal with his head and now  
in his shoulder and side All Alston  
was here a day or two ago said he  
felt uneasy about Henry I dont know  
what to think of that place or his  
neck Mabbit has been on and had  
an operation performed on his breast  
she is getting on very well will soon  
be well Willies has been attending her  
Bill Alston has been very ill with the  
goat in his stomach Willies attended  
him I think if he can keep his  
health he will get his name up  
do write often and let me hear from  
you give my Love to Lias and  
the children Farewell may  
the Good Lord bless and protect you  
in the Prayers your unconstant Mother  
Maria A. Hearn