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Mrs Elias Leas
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Braintree Hall.

June 28th 1807.

My Darling Wife,

Your highly appreciated letter of the 23rd did not reach me till yesterday - Presume you made an error in date. It is a source of annoyance to have your messages of love delayed in any way. Was in Dorford the day before yesterday and inquired at the office, where I ought to have gotten the one I rec'd yesterday -

Well, if nothing prevents will try and get up first of ^{next} week. If you hear nothing else from me to the contrary send to report Monday and Tuesday - what am I thinking about - had forgotten for the time, that you had no way of sending, and that I had your poor old horses trudging in the snow. They are not yet

but will try and get them so after
this week. Am "cloven footed" now -
Yecenty oats. Commenced yesterday
laying by corn and will get through
cotton to day. Crop good yet. Some
rain would not hurt - have had
none in a long time - how long I
will not attempt to say, it would make
my head ache to think back so far.

Mr. Bonner is still in the neighborhood
looked for him here last night, but he
failed to put in an appearance - He has
not seen his fray in some two weeks
either - we have been comparing notes
and am satisfied I love my wife
best - Now wouldn't you like to know
how I arrive at the fact? well, in
a very philosophical and feminine way,
"jump at it,"

The plums are all ^{gone,} "eat the last I
could find yesterday" but the peaches
are getting ripe and am in hopes
will be nicer than I expected -
if possible will bring you some

Can not bring the wine - Will order
some from Garretts.

Dr Baker, Mr Wesson and perhaps
one or two more will be down here
to morrow night and spend the
next day (Friday). It does seem
that I have more company while
you are away - Does it not? - Well
I don't want any while you are here.

You did not say whether or not you
had called in a physician for Butts.
Don't hesitate a moment if you deem
it necessary. Make him be prudent -

Eat too many plums while here, I
expect - I want to see the dear dar-
ling little boys so much and would
give a penny or so to see the mother.

I know that Weldon is a very de-
moralizing place, and I, and all other
men I ever saw, who were delayed
there, frequented the Bar Room to "drive
dull care away" but you are the
first lady I ever heard of who did.
Now, please "don't do that no more now."

Found my comb in my drawer -
don't know how it got there. Will
bring Butlers key when I come - What
shall I do for something to bring my
cloth in? My "chick" will not look
well, and besides don't believe it
would hold out - See how ill you
and the boys serve the head of the
family! Both Trunks and both carpet
bags gone - and ^{you} occasionally appropriating
some of my wearing apparel. Am
glad they are too small for you, as
I have some new ones.

With kisses and love for you
all and hoping to see you soon

I am your devoted
Husband