

yet the trees are so large I guess  
it will be difficult to get them  
down dont make yourself  
uneasy about that the Turkey  
said he would come as soon  
as we have better weather  
write soon I am always glad to  
hear from you

M. J. H.

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Dear Eth

I write you a few lines  
this morning to let you know  
how we are getting on we have  
had the worst weather I ever saw  
cloudy wet weather almost ever  
since you left <sup>gayden</sup> he came yester  
day said when he worked by the  
month he was paid for the month  
that he could not take of the  
rainy days I told him that you  
expected him to work so many  
days for a month I had taken  
account of all the days that  
he was absent nine days so I  
told him he must see Mr Parker  
that I did not know what to  
do he said he was willing to work  
for seventy five cents day if you  
preferred it we had better give him  
that this month after he works

so many days for the month  
can make some other bargain  
he seems to be very steady  
work when he is at work  
Mr Parker thinks it would keep  
a hand all the time to work  
this but ~~write me~~ write me  
and let me know what you  
wish me to do after he works  
so many days for the month  
I hope we may have some pleasant  
weather now we have a bright  
morning to day how are you  
all I hope you are all well  
I have been as well as usual  
give my love to Bet I have not  
seen any of the family since she  
left her Papa was in town  
Monday did not call Keller is  
very anxious to have the seed  
sowed she planted the onions  
last evening and sowed some  
cabbage & lettuce she will have

the corn planted as soon  
as she can did Lear go on  
North I hope he did not the  
weather has been so bad I have  
not been out side of the gate  
since I have been here write  
soon and let me know what  
you had rather he would work  
by the month or by the day  
he is willing to do any thing  
up to you wish him to do keep  
the dear children for a their grand  
mother remember me kindly to  
Lear but and all my love I bless  
you all as the prayer of your  
devoted mother  
Mama A. The way

Prescure all  
mistakes

Since writing the above I have received  
your letter am sorry to hear Lear has  
lost so many of his hands but perhaps  
it will be well enough as Cotton is  
selling so low the trees are not down