

Can has improved she seems to be
better Mr Harps was here a few
days ago said Doc Arington and
Mary Ann had been there from Petersburg
said she was better but not well
Doc Watson is going to Petersburg
to live I think Doc Arington has
been a very good father will
be all close as I have nothing in
writing to write do excuse all mistakes
and bid writing and let me hear from
every one The Government may be
all as Mr Trump
I am A Theaury

Destroy after
reading

Dec 19th 67

Dear Ell

I received your letter last
evening was busy glad to hear
you were all well hope you may
continue to keep well we keep as
well as usual your Paper keeps
low down about the times of the
country I don't think it is worth
while to give ourselves so much
trouble about that we can't
help I never see the paper of so ma-
ny folks breaking up their cities
I do not know what has become
of the people in the winter
short and meat scarce a great
many hogs have died Mr Wiggins
that lives at William Ludus place
I understand had thirty odd and lost
all but two the farmers speak of
having very few hounds next year
have not made enough to feed them

The sail was yesterday and to day
at your Sister Matilda the furniture
and things that the children want
well be valued they can keep what
they want I have not seen the Old
man Beck in some time I heard he
had a notion of getting married I sent
him word I wished to see him I will
write you what he says about going
to see your Pappa has sent the account
for the Scarborough Paper says ask
Lias to pay for it if ~~he has not paid~~
and he ~~is~~ ^{is} pay him, I was sorry
to hear of the Death of Mary Aunt Sam
rested ~~at~~ well into the Morning
and was ~~at~~ ^{at} twelve how true
are all things, how false each pleasure
than do power two and every I trust
a sinners I try to be resigned to the
will ^{of god} of what ever my state or condition
may be to give me grace to be content
I thought at one time we would live

with Whit I went over to look
about and make arrangements
how to fire but I soon found out
your Pappa was not willing to go.
said he wanted to die in his bed
room so I am here and here expect
to be the balance of my days your
Pappa was in town yesterday always
calls on Bitter she always has him
a fire and gives him a glass of
and potatoes she seems to take great
interest in keeping every thing about
your Pappa says he is ~~as well as~~
a servant he said ~~that~~ had
down that ~~land~~ was ~~at~~
it up I wish it was ~~any~~ power
to assist you but I am here and here
expect to be write often and let me
hear how you all are how are
your servants getting on I hope you
have not had any trouble with them
Give my love to Lias and the children
I would be delighted to see the dear little
ones