

give my respects to Lear tell
him your Papa says I wish
Lear would come and cut my
hair kiss the Dear little Children
for me do excuse the letter
I have a very bad pen lets
write with all I am in love
farewell may the Lord bless
you all in the Pray of your
Affectionate Mother

Maria A Harvey

PS I have been to see Dan
he is ~~very~~ comfortable
fixed

Feb 2nd the 30th 1869

Dear Ell

I received your letter
last week always glad to
receive a letter from you and
was truly glad to hear you were
all well we have had the coldest
spell of weather I believed I ever
experienced but I have been
as well as usual it has been
so cold that it seemed impossible
for me to move to town I am
in hopes it will not be long
before I can go up its has been
out of my power to have any
thing done yet your Paper
goes out but very little and I
have not seen Mr Parker since
Lear left to Alvin and Eliza has
moved on the Lot I am in hopes
they will do the best they can
I will go up as soon as I can

Ritter is here but staying
with Polly I think she will
live with me your Papa says
he will be compelled to stay
and have his meat smoked
but I expect to go up as soon
as the weather moderates Polly
is getting on very well her
baby will be three weeks old
Sunday what say you about
Becky do you want her or
not I think if you get her you
may stand a chance to get her
mother next year if nothing happens
Polly Jimmy Servant lived at
All Abston she says Catharine
would of left but for her situation
this girl Puffy I wrote you
about I dont think she would
suit me I had rather have
this girl Emily than to have
her I tried her awhile I did
not think she would suit me

she might perhaps do for a
nurse I understand Maria Davis
is to be married the seventh of
February & Cornelia Harris the
4th Nat. Williams has rented
Mr Burger's place Dick Ruppess
has rented Cousin Mary Williams
your Brother What leaves tomorrow
for the South your Cousin
James died so suddenly that
he left no will but Maria gets
about two thousand acres of
Land and every thing else that
he owned she will be very well
off What says her Land is very
valuable has less as many
Hands as he wants write me
all the news how you are
getting on some of the Farmers
have very few hands they have
got Hickory Grove Soll has none
I understand I guess he has as
many as he wants at his plantation