

Song to Edin Williams
that I spent
Christmas day
with Capt. Henry
(Coffee) Edwards
all new-mel
and had
a good time.
Till him wth
to forget my
Cotton seed

Monticello Place
Feb 2nd 1875

Dear Elias

It is high time
to thank you for your favor
of the 4th of November, and
also to thank you for the
valuable treasure it contained.

Indeed, I have been think-
ing so for two or three months,
and the only excuse I can
offer is procrastination, said
to be, "the thief of time", and
truly so.

Just issued; only 3
marks old. Another her
edition of Carraways
Animated Nature - Vol VI.
Fool for luck - poor folks

for Children and Gouods,
(I believe Gouods is the Herrect
way to spell it. Whitford
to the contrary, who has it
Go.a.r.d.s). I have the Children,
and my luck is good in
having boys, Ergo must
be a fool. Woud not be
astonished if I am not.

We have one of the
best Teachers in the State, and
I keep the older ones steady
at school. School was up to
day and we had a very warm
debate, Teacher struck for
seventy dollars per month, poor
as I am I defended him,
and after rattling away
for an hour or so. brought
^{up} close ones around. So that
we will have a good school
for 10 months at least.

I Made a good crop
last yr. and met all of
^{my} engagements. and hope
yet to be able to swim,
hard trying tho. but with a
plenty of hope, life and
energy such as I possess.
I think I shall be able to
sing "I think I hear" them
fellows saying "he is coming"
and Bally Curraway.

What a Lannan's
Sleet, Sleet every Monday.
By-the-by, if this same Sleet
were of human invention, I
should be apt to say that
I did not like it. Indeed
you would be likely to think
so. were you to hear some
of my Chin Music, while
down upon the Sleet.
I'd show ^{have} liked —

You bet.
So let me
know when
I shall
find you
home.
Mary & Eliza
give me
much love
to you all.
Your friend
+ Baldy
Carran.

Hand
stick as
a mirror

So much to have
been in Gotham with &
hope yet to be able to
meet you there.

Judge Lewis
Hilliard, was with us a
few days ago; Baldy Bunker
is not Capt of the North East.
hope she suits your Sister.
Caswell is doing well,
has been on the way all
Summer, and is very much
improved.

I should be pleased
to see you and yours
at any + all times. Will
not be able to come over
until August. My time is
not my own until then
but I am coming then.