

[June 30, 1876?]

Friday 8.30 A.M.

My Dear Wife

I had my breakfast just 3 hours ago & have made the usual inspection after an absence and can make a tolerable for & report. The cotton has improved wonderfully and tho' I say it, it is by far the best I have seen. A little too much rain if any thing - last Sunday another excessive one. Madra has just commenced cutting oats - driving the Reaper himself and it is well I came back. Hope he will be thro' by

Wednesday next, but whether
he does or not it is my
intention to start to the
Centennial on that day
and should anything
prevent will telegraph
you - Wednesday July 5;

On my way down I met
Harro & bride at Weldon
on their way to the Centennial.
He took me in and
presented me to her. She
is fat. Yes, much fatter
than Sister Beth. Clark
was married the same
day ^{in Washington} and came thro' to
Fustoro. Willie Dancy was
one of his groomsmen
He drove Johnnie Battle's
horse and had the misfortune
to have him die on the
way back - You will know
the horse as the one Mr
Battle got from F. Harriess.

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Tickets to Phila via either
route are \$18⁴⁵-. We of
course will go the Bay
route. The new Steamer
Florida goes up that night.
I will enclose some Parry's
Can't say they will hold
their colors till you
get them but No 1 is
the most delicate flower
I ever saw —

Love & Kisses for you all
& will meet you at
Weldon July 5th Wednesday,
D.C.

Yours Elias

Bring my Black Coat &
shirts, cols & Hdkfs —