

[TO: Elias Cann. Old Sparta, N.C.]



certainly find a treasure  
& I will wish you all the  
joy and happiness that  
is in store for you & I  
do hope that there are  
lots. Am so glad that you  
people have few sins  
with you & that you  
enjoyed having them  
so very much hope they  
were all well & hope too  
that you <sup>will</sup> be real well  
and strong again real  
soon. Elias I don't think  
you have treated me right  
about my being married  
there was some mystery  
about it that I could

Parboro N.C.  
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Dear Elias:

Your letter just  
received & I hastened to  
answer it because I think  
it is a most important  
thing. I must say I did  
not promise to write to you  
in two weeks time I said  
if I changed from the  
way I felt the last time  
you were <sup>here</sup> but I have not  
& don't think that I ever  
will. I think I have served  
my <sup>good</sup> time waiting for  
you & never again will  
I serve five or six <sup>years</sup> months  
waiting for any body.



God in heavey only know  
how patiently I waited for  
you for six long long years  
& my prospects for a happy  
future seemed as good  
as they <sup>did</sup> six years ago. Changed  
I have changed so differ-  
ent from last year this  
time and I am perfect-  
ly satisfied now. I dont  
believe you ever intended  
marrying any body as  
long as you could have you  
your good pleasure & now  
I have experienced it all.  
Elias if I am judging you  
wrongfully I will be so  
very sorry, because I will  
say that you have been  
good sweet & kind to me  
as good as a man could

to any body, you have done  
lots to add to my pleasure  
wished I could have added  
to yours a four fold but  
now Elias it can never  
be and you know the  
reason. I dont feel now that  
I am doing any thing wrong.  
Elias there are a few things  
between us that I hope that  
no one on this old earth  
will ever know, and let me  
ask you now please for my  
sake my past life dont  
mention any thing that  
has ever pass between  
us & I will assure you  
that no one will ever  
hear it voiced from my  
lips. Elias if any man  
ever mine you for a hus-  
band I must say they will