

Picksburg Oct 18th 1844

My dear Wife

P.S. I send you a letter that I wrote
some days since and could not send it as I
went to the office

I am in receipt of your kind letter of the 4th "inst" and happy indeed was I to hear that you were all well, this is the first news from you since I left home and you well think I was anxious to hear from you I recieved no letter from Boston at Columbia - we arrived here to day all in good health except myself and I am verry all to my Rheumatism and of that I am no better - My general health is however better than when I left home - Joseph is verry well and looks as black as a Frenchman

I think I shall remain here some time and let Joseph go on with one boat below, there is a prospect at present that Bacon will do well here in a few days and as I am not well able to steer a boat I think I shall remain until I sell enough to make the labour of steering lighter by having a lighter boat to handle - we can sell sides at 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ and sholds at 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ which will pay tolerable well but I would like to ^{do} better. Yet I shall see by tomorrow what we will do as ^{to} some sales at those prices

I am indeed happy to hear that you seem to get along comfortable I hope your girl will continue to please you with him who is able to protect you from all harm and deliver you from all evil I leave you and pray that you may be happy -
Your affectionate Husband
Jacob Dresher

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