

My Loving Companion

My anxiety increases, owing to frequent dreams  
I have had concerning you) to hear from you, but I am in hopes  
the next mail, which will arrive Tuesday night, will bring a line from  
my love. Yes believe me Rebecca (as I know that it is not convenient for  
me to see you) that nothing could give more pleasure to me than a  
letter from you, you must write me often and give me all the news  
I wrote you last Thursday night week, the letter reached Norfolk on  
Friday night in which I give you an account of my journey from home here  
and the way that I have spent my time since here up to that date.  
Since then I have been busily employed at work laying the foundation  
of the court house, I spend my time nights reading and searching the  
scriptures,

This being Sunday and a rainy day I have been closely confined to my  
chamber where there is no person to disturb me, save a boy that  
makes my fire, here I can think of you and rejoice to think that  
the time will soon arrive which will enable me to see my  
love, you will perceive that the first part of this  
have been written some time.

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My Dear Wife The reason I have written on this  
old sheet is because I have no other at present -  
and as Mr. ~~W.~~ Soy is going down to day I thought  
I would write you as it is quite likely it is the last  
time until I see you

You have not written me as often as I wished, I  
received a letter from William Saturday night - which  
a P. O. from my Love, your presents - came safe to hand  
and I think it very good, I am much indebted & Obliged  
to you for it, Tell William that I shall not have time  
to write him before my return, if nothing happens and I  
can possibly get off, I expect to leave here on Saturday  
morning and it is likely I shall get down some time that  
night, you must not set up for me, I am enjoying  
excellent health but my anxiety to see you have  
somewhat vexed me, but still I am fat -  
I am quite anxious to feel your big belly my work  
goes on very smooth, I have just run in from  
the building to write you I must be in a hurry  
as Mr M - will leave very soon good bye  
It is awfully kind remember me to all kids my little  
niece and believe me your ever loving

Husband - *W. Herbert*

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