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Dear Catherine

I received your letter last week and in compliance with my promise have taken a seet to answer it I did not get home tell the second evening after I left Brother Hughs I come to Jessis Broomes and found Jak Murray and Lin broom coming home the next morning so I waited for company got home the second day at three oclock I have the gray yet I kept her back verry much comming home she has not been fit for use tell know her back and sholders has got right well she has mended verry much I think I will get 40 or 45 dollars for her the childrean started to school before I got home from Blacten the three oldest is learning fast Maggy has learnd her letters and nearly to baker we are verry much pleased with our teacher have a fine school beteen 35 and 40 schollars the childrend are all in fine health Duglas talks verry prettyly know. Anna Jane is not well she is up every day but complains a good deal I truly wish you had staid with us longer the childrean are all around me telling me what to write to you the sheet would not contain the messages tha I have from the children and the neighbours for you Cate I hardly know what to make of your writing and thanking me for what I had don for you I felt at the time you left hear that I had not done half as much as I ought to have don for you So therefore think that the gratitude and obligation is due from another source if I had received your letter from some of my friends I would have thought they were flurring me but I have too much confidence in you to think you would do such a thing if I did deserve

As to the difficulties between Mrs Shipman and Brother Hugh I dont believe that any thing short of the renewing grace of God can bring about a reconciliation as long

as Mr McNeal continues to interfear with his business
that difficully is a source of the deepest regret to me because
I think Brother Hugh is doing rong I have taken that matter
to a throne of grace and there plead with the Allmighty to
bring about a different state of affairs in faithfulness
to Brother Hugh I think all his friends aught to use there
influence to chase the stait of affairs as fast as
his wife and his mother is concerned I am not half done
but for fear of being too late I must close Anna
Jane and all the children wish to be remembered to you
Kate burn this as soon as you read it it is written so
badly that I am ashamed of it answer it and I will
write more next time Anna Jane joins me in respe
ts to Brother Hugh and Mary and all of our Robeson
freends and may God bless you in every situ
ation and condition of life
as the prayer
of your
friend
J H

P S burn this as soon as you read it if you can read it