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Tuesday night August 30

My dear Daughter

Your dear welcome letter dated 17 came to hand almost a week ago and should have answered it before now but thought I would wait until I heard from Roger. We have got a letter and he says he will return to Kentucky and enter into a bargain with his father that will, he hopes, give both him and his Father satisfaction.

Well your letter, as does your letters, always give me so much satisfaction to know my child is well and happy is all I ask. And then your dear husband and little boys well and enjoying every blessing from many more than they are conscious of. But I hope you will teach them to know where all these joys and comforts spring. I am glad Mr. Gex has got through his harvesting and all his heavy work and can rest from his labors for a season. I see a notice of a new boat in the Kentucky River. I hope it may be a good one and good officers so that Virginia may come up in that way. Rebecca speaks of going down sometime after the middle of September to see you. Laura will go too. Sally is now with us she has been up 10 days and seems to be happy here but miserable about the yellow fever. [*Perhaps her husband was in New Orleans as there was a terrible Yellow Fever outbreak in 1853*] Mr. Lutt is still there. She hears often and a day or two ago received a dispatch saying he had been sick but was out of danger. But I fear to hear again, the accounts from there is so appalling. I would be glad that she would stay until she goes down or at least a while until she could meet him here.

Now my dear will you be able to read this? I found I had written on two sheets and had to tear them in two. So you'll have to look out the right pages. You must tell Judy to send me a good sweet potato by Virginia and tell Tom I hope he has a good wife. I fear Sarah [*Judy, Tom, Sarah and Mary are all Henrietta's servants*] will think she is a compliment to Mary instead of working. Do write me often and tell me all about everything and tell John Mr. B says he must write to him. My love to all, friends to each one every member of Mr. Gex's family, to Edward and Elizabeth. I will not close this letter until I see what the mail brings in for Sally in the morning. Good night I am writing in the porch and the candle flies is so troublesome I must stop.

8 o'clock all well building a chimney at Rose's house and putting Nancy's house to it by the Irish man. All well, Sally and Laura going to spend the day with R. I shall not hear from the office this morning. Farewell my dear child. May the Lord be with you is the prayer of your devoted
Mother

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