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give your family & whatever else you need to make them all enjoy themselves if it is in our power to do it. I do desire to have our house a pleasant place of resort for the children and their friends. Tell Harry not to hesitate about having whatever assistance he needs & let Mr. Potter at work about the house and Hobbs or Carroll or Leaser at the fences and Byron about the road. If S.C. pays what he said he would at this time we shall be all & more with such ballooning & I believe I can make things straight here as my bills are being paid. — Harry used the Quarters sent by Belt. I shall be obliged to pay the Interest Mortgage out of these collections which is just as well. Sorry not you to feel that there is no occasion now for you to deny yourself or many any reasonable want. I think we must have a balance in our favor with G. ~~Cuyler~~ if S.C. does not pay, & therefore shall start next year with the proceeds of the farm this year to meet its expenses. I hope your house will suit you & be willing to stay. If not do not allow wages to be any consideration, let one at any price. With love to all

Your aff. husband
C. Mason Morris

Phila. June 29th 1859

My Dear Wife

Yours by Israel came to hand on Saturday and made me sensible of the blessing we are favored with. To day I fancy you are busy with harvest operations and pray you may have good health, yourself and all about you. You do not mention Cornelia in your last so that I would fain hope her manner at night may be better than when I left. The patient mentioned in my last gave me much anxiety and trouble but is now safely through her difficulties. Chester has many sad days the last few weeks. I am glad to take the care off his hands and believe he will not suffer any loss of favor in consequence or alienation from mamma and it was better for him that I should be obliged to call for it then he. Mr. Janis is very much worse than when I left here. and requires to be seen two or three times a week. If Chester stays away I shall be busy if he return I shall still have enough to occupy me without oppressing me. Aunt C. Wm has symptoms of failure of intellect which are very trying to the family & friends. Cousin H.A.B is sadly distressed having heard from Gertrude that Edward has gone on a trip of exploration of Kansas. &c He is confidently sustained however. There is some uncertainty about the time when