SIDE ONE

Phila. July 12 1859.

My Dear Wife

Onward onward incessantly roll the stream of our life. The recurring mail days now mark the stages as we pass and startle me by the rapidity with which they follow each other. Little Mrs I find to say of yet. I know few things would give me more pain than the consciousness that I had allowed one to pass and neglected the opportunity for communicating with you and the dear children at your side. I can not tell you how constantly you are present in my heart and how frequently my mind recurs to you with anxious thoughts how you are & earnest wishes I could in some mode promote your pleasure or increase your comfort. It appears perfectly unnatural & not correct that I should be here and you so far away: and more especially so as I find little to do & nothing which could not actually be done by Alveston as well as by myself and certainly nothing which will yield any pecuniary recompense. Yet there are certain incidents which seem to demand my presence. I find my duties as manager of the Hospital are important. It requires attention & not being pressed with other things I can give my time and thoughts to it. Without that I have

to day. and a bbl. to Gibbs. I do hope it may succeed. He is evidently growing that which is better than all earthly riches. Without which all earthly riches would only be a curse. We are sorry to learn from H. Dillard that Hannah Peirce has been suffering with her teeth. If they are still with you give my love to them all. H.D. thought they would leave about this time. I have not seen Mr Corse since Friday & can not make any report of Gi's business. Thus you see I have filled my sheet though when I sat down I thought how few incidents there were to write about. Do not forget that now is the time to cut wood for winter. I suppose Henry & Billy are both fully occupied in the truck patch &c. You had better have some one to fall and cut up the trees. There are some wood cutters across the river by William Kucas where. Then the fences and Mr Potter. and some arrangement to finish the cover or cover over the gap in the roof. I can not consent to try the winter with that place in the present condition. I suppose October will be the right time to do it. The cistern too: what is the state of your water supply? I must hope we will have the means to accomplish these matters this fall. Both must come to dear Mary & Hiram & Cornelia

Your Aff. husband
Caspar Morris

Ellen does not bring any one with her. When does the mail change commence & what will be the dates?