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Dear Father
 Fort Leavenworth May 23

I received your kind letter on or about the 21st Instant and was extremely sorry to hear of Aunt Mary's death nevertheless we all must die sooner or later and I trust we may be fully prepared I am still trying to improve my education and devote my spare time to my books give my complements to mother also tell her I am trying to be a good boy also give my love to Mary Nora and Moses and tell them that they must be good children and be diligent in every good undertaking I am as well as ever and enjoying the prospect I dear for the future I trust you will be blessed with long life and prosperity that I may show you what education can make of me