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wish you a happy new year.

My Dear Husband it is a long time since I have written to you, and much longer since I received one from you it is now eleven months, and I am still looking with increasing anxiety to have one from Tom by the last post you was reported at, well Peter I have so much to say to you if I thought you would get it, but it is so uncertain whose hands it may fall into that I dare not express my feelings but I think if I can once more be permitted to see you again in this life that it will be a happy day to both of us & then I think I can make you sensible how much I have suffered in my mind on account of your absence, I cannot mingle little or none in society and it gives me much time to think of your reviewing the past time we have spent together & anticipating the future. I think a great deal about your health hope and pray that the Lord will bless you with that blessing the most desirable, I have enjoyed it ever since you have been gone until a few weeks I have not felt quite so smart as common I suppose it is nursing her so long it ^{causes} a weakness and trembling to my stomach, I suppose Peter that you realize that she is a large girl, eighteen months old think I shall have to wean her soon, I am as spare in flesh now as you ever see me, my face is as thin as a hatchet in short I look five years older than when you left. our