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My ever Dear Husband, I still feel this afternoon as if it would be a great pleasure to sit up of us if we could but behold each others face & enjoy each others sweet society and communicate ~~the~~ what I cannot write, the hope buoy me up that you will be permitted to again return to me in due time & never Peter can I think of your ever leaving me again as you are what I most enjoy in this world & life is short at the longest & if you ever return will you spend the rest of it with me. If your health should not be good you had better leave and come home I am hoping to hear from you next month hope you & Mr Lewis will agree & do all you anticipate you will see by the number that I have written once a week first by the Chili & Menker & Nimrod & of course you cannot expect any thing new I shall write by J. Peake he is going State of the Ohio & by Capt Adams & J. Smith and all that goes from hear I know you will write every chance. my health is better than when you left I got over that cold I had soon after you went away, my lameness is very troublesome at times. I am much better off than I expected to be in many respects you can guess