Davenport, Iowa Oc. 2nd 1867

My dear Wife,

I am really tired of this place, I feel ~~natty~~ very poorly encouraged. I thought I could sell very readily at $ thousand; but have not found it so. From what disinterested men say, it ought to bring 9 thousand $ But I can get no offer looking to it. I feel discouraged, & would be glad to get this elephant off my hands, on any fair terms. But as those who propose to be willing to buy, don't make me offers. I am stiff and independent with them, & will not come down any, from my price 5000 $ a lot. I know I shall not be able to get it. But when those wishing to buy, make an offer, then I can come down some & meet them.

I can not appoint any time when you may expect me. I hope you are all well & may continue so. You can scarcely imagine how anxious I am to hear from home. Every night, I am dreaming of home - sometimes pleasant, and at other times, unpleasant.

I have made very few acquaintances here - & have an invitation to visit a Col. Whitaker's family from North Carolina. They are secesh. as they are called here; and as I have not seen any genuine article of that class, I may call to see them, in the afternoon. My

MOORE CLEAN PRINT® HQ 3,014,308; 3,429,827 8550Q PRINTED IN USA