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My dear Houston

I have only time to write a few lines we are well except myself. I have a severe Cold. I do not know how I could have taken it. I have not heard anything of particular interest in the neighborhood a plenty of soldiers white and black are all the time scouting around I heard that three Negro soldiers went to Mr Bond and asked if he knew any white men that wanted to enlist their Colored Gentlemen but this I think must be a joke there were two white soldiers a few nights a go went to Molley Shanfses and threatened to break the door down if they did not open it they did not open it. and after a while they left. but left a good many marks on the door with their sabers. Puss was there