by what good air and regular exercise will do, and you know from them much is to be expected =

In your you lament the loss produced by the draft it is lamentable indeed to us who want money so much and strange as it may appear it has already produced a loss from the use of cotton of $2.600 but as the balance of our crop will sell very well after the absolutely necessary disbursements of the plantation, I hope to square you out a clear remittance which will be at farthest within this ~~next~~ month or perhaps in 2 weeks. therefore for God sake dont draw any more as I have utterly sworn off any further Bank transactions - I have paid your note of my brothers to Jno K Smith of which no doubt you have advice = If it should fall by accident in way you might peradventure learn if the office of Secretary of this Territory is filled: if not, a lucky chance might offer for your putting in a word for yr. hum.le Serv.t as it would be a clever thing, but mind as I have no expectation I can have no disappointment. So dont trouble yourself in the least =

Tell my dear Mary I thank her for her solicitude for my health and of course how dear the welfare, particularly the good health, the first of blessings, of her self and her dear babes is to my heart = I often dream I hear the sweet and impudent prattle of the darling Molly but I suppose she has grown distant and bashful and is quite superceded = Do present me in all affection to Uncle Arch & John and make my best respects all friends = Kiss Mary & children for me =

Truly your friend & brother
D. H. Holladay

write in future to Fort Adams as that is again a permanent Post office =

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