

Bethel. Morgan Co Ill May 4th 1860

Cousin Lewis yours
of Apr 22 I received last night I was
glad to hear from home once more, I had
just come to the conclusion that you
all had forgot me, or wanted to, as I had
not heard from them in most three
months, I am as well as usual & I hope
these few lines will find you well
it is not enough to rest & digger
& the heavens have been dryer than a con-
struction box at the third passing for the
last three months, the farmers have
got pretty much through with their ^{thing} plant
Alfred finished this yesterday, he has
planted eighty acres, as for my business
I like it pretty well. although it is
rather hard handling the horses, I have it
all to do, as Alf is as afraid of them as he