

Adison May 1868  
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Friend Lewis

Sir I received  
your most welcome letter and  
have been a little negligent about  
answering it as I have been  
very busy and away from home  
but I trust you will forgive  
me this once and I will do  
better in future I am enjoying  
my self as well as my conscience  
will permit me to while  
being hard at work I have  
shard twenty days and they  
still call for me but I am  
getting weary as I have to work  
a lone but I must toil still  
as there but little <sup>peace</sup> in poverty  
while in this world