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Daniel Fowler
 Rochester Michigan
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 - soon to parents

New Orleans February the 12th 1853

Kind and honored parents it is pleasure to me
 sit down an pen a few lines to you, I still like to
 hear how you are a getting along in Old Oakland I want
 to know how you are spending the winter it seems to me as though
 I could not withstand these cold blasts that blow over
 my native hills the thoughts of them almost make me
 shiver I often think of the difference there is in the
 climate in a few hundred miles, I am enjoying all the
 pleasantness of a summers sun, I am fanned by the balmy
 breezes wafted by the orange grove also the birds of paradise
 cheer me on my way, while you at home hear nothing
 to cheer you but the piercing whistle of a winters wind
 the south is my future home without its two or three months
 in summer any reasons for that is the advantages are so much
 for making money wough than they are worth the climate and
 and other things to be taken in to consideration it is far the
 best place for a man with a small capital or a laboring man
 as for my part I can make 100 dollars per month that is
 exclusive of my labor a man is not smart that cannot get
 a living in this world without physical labor, ^{town}
 but beloved parents I must thank you for your instruction
 if you had raised me in ignorance it is altogether
 probable that I would of been at the north working for
 10 or 12 dollars per month or of been married and probably
 two or three children by this time to support, but thank
 god it was ordained otherwise I am a free man and will ever