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dear wife I take this oportunity of writing you
a few lines to let you know that I am in tolerable
health at this time but not improving as fast as I
would hope for I am living verry pore coffee and
allittle fried meet for breakfast, and a pease of meet
and greens for dinner, a cup of coffee buisquet for
supper & I have not had a line from you sence I come
hear I fear something is the mater that you do
not right, I saw Butler in N Orleans and
he said you and all was well at that time I hope
you may continue so, I went to New Orleans to buye
suplyse for the place, I got meet for 28 and yellow
corn 77 while at 97 for bread. I am getting on verry
well in my farming maters, I finish planting corn
31 march and comenst planting cotten on the 12 april
but we have had so much rain that we have not done
much at it but am at it to day and hope to finish
this weeke if possible, tho I am verry ferfull of the
water it is verry high and thay say the levys will
brake and thay are not completed and new at
that, I have cot up with the planters in this part
I am verry sorry to have to comunicate the intelegen
of the Deth of Mrs Downing she didde two weeks
before I got hear she had bin at home but a short
time was sick wen she got home Downing got there