My dear Husband Claiborne Decr 18th 1842

We are indebted to Mr Cooper for an opportunity of letting yourself and James know we are in good health except colds, not one on the lot has escaped. but considering the unusual cold weather we have no cause to complain.

I am sorry my Husband has so little confidence in my supplying the negroes with woollen and all other comforts in my power. as soon as the cold weather commenced I supplied every grown negro with one suit of cloths every child with two suits, all that work in the field have had a blanket, which gives to every family two. if you wish I will give another ~~to each~~ blanket to each one, as all the last purchase is yet on hand, the negroe preferring the large homemade blankets. There is 45 ~~or~~ 50 bags of cotton packed there has been nothing done at picking cotton the last 8 or 10 days, the negroes do not average 50 pounds in the day, the corn is not yet in, but will be in the course of a few days. Have had eleven hogs killed they were not as fat as I wished and concluded to let the remainder ~~ben~~ get in better order there is fourteen out too wild to be got up.

I can give you no news, the cut that of our village I have not been out since the day after you left

as far as I can hear your memorial suits pretty well except that part which relates to the judiciary I see by and with the advice of Mr Preston Gen. Jackson will not be nominated for the presidency because he has threatend Carolina with military force if they persisted in their rebellion.

We cannot hear what has become of Mrs. Parsons she left about the twenty fifth of Nov. for Huntsville if Martha's health will permit she intends going to Virginia, this she cannot possibly do at this inclement season. We hear the Gen. is recovering fast and I presume will be on the road home soon

Louisiana has past a law prohibiting the introduction of slaves; if Alabama does, we may remain tolerably quiet for the future. A Mrs. Marks in Clark County was murdered a few days since, it is said by one of her own negroes, there is also a report here that Wm. Godbold has been killed by one of the same colour this is only report

If James's vests are not sufficiently neat and warm perhaps you had better supply him with better. if his drawers have given out

or you think them too thin perhaps you had best supply him with flannel If I had known of the present opportunity I would have supplied him from home, do my dear husband write often it is all the comfort we have during your long absence

Mr. Morrisette and Mrs. Morris have come in I must conclude let me hear from you every week

Most affectionate

Your Wife

H Dellet

...er

...yet

...have

...and conclu

...orders

...p

...f our village

...ter you left

Dillet Esq

Tuscaloosa
Ala.

Dillet Th