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Mr J McD Donnelly

Ally Dear companion it is with pleasure that I am this night to write you a few lines in awnswer to your kind leter you sent by Welch he Just landed to day it gave me great satisfaction to hear your was well & in my life for had began to think you had forgot how to write or sick for I had not Red leter from you in over a month This leaves me & family & the rest of them are all well except Hiram he has got the consumption he is ult & down but we don't want him to think so Sonia is near & has bin week her baby is mending I think & has bin very low I saw your Pa this morn he said they was all in common health the rest of the connection are generally well so fare as I know & hope this may reach you in due time & find you enjoying the best of health I have heard nothing from James nor Dave since I have wrote Mary Red letter from John dated 12 inst he was not well he had the Jaunders but on duty 4 of his boys that

Number 1

went off with him is dead & Wm Elliot & your
Nancy Pool & one of the Petrees they are dead
they think Hatfield is mending a little you
Rec'd letter from Anne last week they was
all well & Mac you said gave Nelse 27 dollars
to get my shoes & suits but he did not get
me them & I was glad of it for John Lee me
me a nice pair for 7 dollars & I shall send the
money or Nat to by wool with to make
your winter clothes as I can't by them for less
than 5 dollars per pound & can get it thier for 3
I started you a hat by Browning I hope you
have got it by this time I want to hear whether
wether you got it or not Nelse has to leave
for here the third Mac I have something that
will interest you more than the most of
crops look as promising as you ever saw in
life at this time the people are general getting
along with very well we have a fine season
in the ground now I think they will be more
corn made this year than they was last season
the men that is near now if we can have seasons for
the women that has got any spunk about them

is trying to make believing them that never did work is doing nothing still there is the sort of folks that put out that tale on your Pa about not being a loyal man but that is a lye for he is as loyal as any man I dont care where he is he stop his horses & carry the soldiers home when he was to be slaughtering & that is the thanks he got for it he is going to start to Cherokee in a few days to act as guardian for Sarah Ann & children Matty said tel Pa that she was learning & had not got many whipping yet she has got most to baker she said send her ring & she would spell for you if you ever come home to here her tel that she beat Fanny learning she is going to her self Fanny said tel Pa that he had no pigs to feed nor I dont know that he ever will have said tel you that he will cetch his grandmas chickens & skip her eggs & roast them you Sast aught to bin hear to see the children taking on over their candy Sally said lord a massa what a good Pa she had to send her candy said if Pa would come home she would beg him she did not care how many

he was for he sent her candy I want to see you real sweet don't it for I can't draw idéer how you look only when I look at your type & that is very often Mac my candle is out for thier nothing mutch for me to write that will interest you you said please to write to you when I felt like it now you please to write to me when you feel like it I would be glad to real letter from you ever week if could I wrote six letters B.P.O.E. one but think the last is in the mail so number your letters & I'll number mine I just for know I have write a great big nothing so I remain yours as an affectionate wife until death E. Lights

Daniells

to her husban J. McD Daniells

Mac look over this nervous letter for my hands is like dancing master

Matty said thier was a piece of mine dress