

table when Mr. Jay came in, and I told
him to take out a bottle for himself and
wife. He seems very thankful for it indeed.
I inquired of Mr. Hason the other day about
his room, he said he had taken the House
for three years - he has among the fashionable
in St. Louis Street, I don't know ^{exactly} how far
the Block of buildings, running from St. Cl
to Camp Street - across the whole square.
Mr. Bryan, Mr. Burdett & Mr. Baker board
there. I Mr. Baker says it is much the
pleasantest House he ever boarded at in
New Orleans. He has been at it a good
while. The Madame has lived in Baltimore.
Our Cotton market is down flat, I can't
sell at satisfactory prices at all, it has
gone from 12 down to 10^c. I have now
on hand about 60 thousand dollars worth
& I do really hope our market will
become more settled soon, that we may
go ahead again with sales - I am still
kept busy with my sick folk - shall
stop off a day tomorrow night -

Give love to all & many big kisses to my dear
little daughters & believe me ever tenderly your
loving Dad -

New Orleans Feb: 16th 1847 -

Dearest Wife

This is what is called Fat Tuesday
with the French, we had all manner of shows in our
streets this evening, altho the weather was bad, warm
ruing - to night the grand dress Ball is given at
the St. Louis, & which will close up their frolics, till
after the season of Lent is over -

The Bishop called on me this morning and
settled up the Hump transaction, which turned
out to be rather a bad business for both of us &
particularly for him, as he got but little for
his Hump & paid high commissions & interest -

Mr. Nicholson was ordained in St. Pauls Church on
Sunday morning last & preached in the evening.
I was told, did not hear him - Sunday night,
I called on friends Richard & his Lady found
them both at home & had quite an agreeable
time, Mrs. Baker came in at the close of the
evening, she is a very agreeable & intelligent Lady
indeed - quite a contrast between the two, Mrs.
Burdett if you recollect is quite pretty or would
thought so generally - she seldom if ever gets to
Church & when she does come she generally
comes in when the service is half over & I suppose
Richard has so much of the Quaker about him
that if it was not for his wife he would
hardly ever think of entering a Church if he
could employ himself in his business -

His Brother William was a good deal the same way. he used to trade Sundays and all times during his stay in Macon. he made some money at it to be sure, but he lost his health by his close application, and of what profit is it. at last, he can't enjoy any thing in this world without health. The Arkansas Boat No 4 arrived yesterday & brought me over four hundred bales Cotton. this is the largest receipt I believe that I have ever had before by one Boat. My receipts up to this time are two thousand bales ahead of last year at some times. but this is accounted for in a great measure by all the outside Rivers being boatable, which was not the case last year at this time. They were all late getting up. I shall receive more Cotton tho, without doubt than I did last year & it will pay much larger Commissions too. I have now on hand unsold over twelve hundred bales worth about sixty thousand dollars. I should I sell it all at once it would be a big sale for me.

I will send you some more funds soon & you had best pay up all your debts. I suppose you owe Mary for board & probably Post office money.

The Portraits are varnished & ready for ^{shipment} but I have not yet made up my mind whether or not to have them put in frames here. they will look so much better in the frames, so Mr. C. R. says & I doubt doubt it.

Friday night Feb: 19th at my room, I was as usual. Yours of the 8th came to hand yesterday I was sorry to learn of your sick head ache turn. but as usual the curable medicine I sent brought you out right again. I received a short letter from Isaac to day merely saying that Caroline had remitted to New York \$250 - to be added to her joint stock Speculations. I have made one operation for her this fall which I think will turn her out nearly one hundred dollars. Mr Fay called at my office this evening for the first time in a good while. He says Mr. Melburn will probably take his station & he may take another high up town. He is living in a fine large airy House & is keeping some boarders to help him along. Says he has one of the finest Cooks in the world a woman from the North. But his wife has no trouble at all. How would you like to take rooms with them next winter. do you think you could get along with the madame. the situation is a fine one & a new house with large rooms, not cramped up like Mr. Sarners, it is situated just out of St Ch's Street, I have already commenced looking out for rooms for next season. should our lives be spared, I don't think I can possibly be separated from you another winter if it can be helped. I bought a box of German Cofeyne to day and it stood on my

will my dearest one" here I am again, just left
 my office, now ten o'clock, seated at my
 table before a good fire with a tub of hot
 water for a foot bath &c - The weather
 has come round very cold again hope it
 won't last long - I have concluded to
 the Portraits framed here, so that they will
 be all ready to hang up & save all the
 trouble of taking them down to New York
 & back which is so troublesome you know
 Mr Cooke went with me this morning
 & we selected two which are to be gilded
 straightway & soon as they are finished
 I will send them forward immediately &
 they will look so much better in frame
 than they will without & the expense will
 be about the same I supposed here, as
 in New York - You will hardly know
 my old ugly face it is so much fuller
 than you saw it - when it was taken
 I had more flesh on me than for 15 years
 before & much more than I now have
 I have not fattened up this winter like
 I did last, but I feel as well perhaps
 if not better - My paper is gone & I must
 close - So good night my dearest one and
 believe me as ever your devoted & loving Hub
 May

Big Envelope the letter sent to you
 Enclosed you will find the letter sent to you
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Thursday night at my room 1/4 past nine
 New Orleans Feb: 26th 1847 -
 My dearest Wife
 It seems a long time since I have
 had a letter from ^{you}, altho only the usual time has
 elapsed, on Thursday last your last letter was received
 I have just gotten through with a very troublesome
 task, which I was compelled to perform & it
 proved to be a very tedious one to me indeed before
 I got clear of it - On Friday last I was summoned
 on a special jury in the U States Court in
 the Newcome Case for forgery, it being the seventh
 case of the kind he has been tried on & convicted
 on four of them - he held the office of Surveyor
 general in the State of Louisiana & was indicted
 for having made out false receipts and accounts
 & transmitting the same to Washington for payment
 & on investigation of his matters he is found a
 defaulter to the U.S. of 50 thousand dollars -
 We did not get through with the Case until
 this evening about five o'clock consequently
 I lost my dinner - we were kept on from
 11 in the morning till 9 in the evening
 generally to the neglect of my business &
 had at the same time a boy of my age
 friends here - I visited many a time that
 all such were dead or out of the world &
 we should have no use for Courts or Juries
 It so happened however that many of the Jurors
 were of my acquaintances & friends -

Friday evening at my room 1/4 past nine.
Your kind favor of the 15th I received this morning
bringing the intelligence of all of you being in good
keeping - so you are mighty glad I am home & ^{as} you
are you, well there is no mistake about it.
I never was so homesick in my life as I have
been this winter & I don't believe we will live
two thousand miles apart much longer, I
may be getting into my dotage ^{which} makes
me feel so homesick this winter - there is one
comfort ^{however} ^{are} we are permitted to meet again -
we shall enjoy each other's society the more as
we don't know the value of many blessings
which we enjoy, till we are deprived of them
then we know how to appreciate them - Oh
how happy we will be my dearest when we
meet again & when I think of it I feel
like starting right off, that I can't wait
any longer, but fly to the arms of my
dearly beloved one, and my little ones,
how I should delight to have them about
me, dear little souls, it is too bad they can't
be with their Father, as well as ^{their} Mother -
dear little Ella will kindly know that she
has a father at all -

To day I have been out looking for
Peasants & music for my friends Doak & W
Stuckhouse. The music he wrote was for
a mighty clever girl so that I should not
only ~~be~~ be doing him a favor but her -

I find I can get Chukings Peasants here of
an acquaintance of mine from Augusta Georgia
& should I get the order to purchase I think
I shall take them of him -

I sold day before yesterday about 10 thousand
dollars worth of Cotton - fifteen or twenty days
ago the same Cotton would have brought
18 thousand dollars, so the difference in my
circumstances was 80 dollars - Our market has
gone down two Ct per pound and the spec-
ulators many of them have ~~been~~ suffered
greatly - 9¹/₂ to 9³/₄ Ct the general sales are
made at the highest point the same
clap of Cotton ^{was} selling from 11¹/₂ to 12 Ct -
I have now on hand & unsold about
50 thousand dollars worth of Cotton and
soon as the market goes up a little I
must sell the whole or a part -

We have had weather now, I have had for
some time back, it is raining half the
time or more, hope soon however that
we may ^{have} good weather, the month of
March this is generally disagreeable
windy & cold - Feb: is most gone & there
only three months more & I shall begin to
think about setting my old ugly face
towards Long Island, how comfortable it will
be worth it - time fly's fast I will soon carry
us into to the ^{very} delightful of all months in the
year June, the month I was born in -

Ten o'clock, just from office I now seated at
my table before a good fire which is not at all
uncomfortable, we have had a great deal of bad
disagreeable weather lately, but it certainly can't
last much longer, as Spring will soon make
its appearance - Yours of the 22^d came to hand on
Thursday a gain (yesterday) for a wonder - You
say you had not received my letter, the fault
must be in the mail carrier then for I have
not failed to mail my letters regularly every
Sunday morning - Dear little Betty I am
sorry I said any thing to hurt her feeling so, I
am well aware of her affection & you must
say to her that ^{Father} knows she loves him more than
all dolls & that I only said it in a joke &
that Father would give almost any thing
just at this moment to have one of her
sweet kisses & such a good hug as we used
to have last summer when in Hunting rig.

Betty is altogether the most affectionate in
her disposition of the two, Molly is quite
different in many things from Betty, they are
all dear little sweet creatures, but Betty is
like her dear Mother, an exception - I
think little Ella will make a wild little
witch of the lives - I am really glad the
woman you have pleased you so well &
hope we may be able to retain & bring
her to New Orleans next winter should you
conclude to over & comfort you & old Hub
a little when he returns from the labors of the
day - I must close for so to good night my dear

Wednesday evening at my room ten o'clock

New Orleans March 3^d 1847
My dear & beloved wife

I have just returned from
my office where I have been hard at work all
the evening preparing Invoices, accounts, and sales
of Cotton to send up the Ouachita River to morrow
evening & I am not half through yet with ^{them}
it will take me all day to morrow to get through
them - I also have many to get in readiness to go
up the Arkansas & Red Rivers, I am kept right
busy these days I do assure you, it would
be such a comfort if you were only here to meet
me on my return from my labors of the day,
I should be so happy & comforted with ^{my} friendly
touchings & it would really seem like there
was some sense in living -

Mrs Phil Monge called on me yesterday
morning in great distress, said that she had
heard that Phil was dead & that she wanted
help in order to get back to Charleston if
possible I told ^{her} I had many calls, but
that I would give her ten dollars towards
it, which I did, & she left to find some
other friends who were going to assist
her she said, & that she purposed leaving
that day, whether or not she left I know
not, have not seen her since - It seems as
tho there was no end to the calls for money
but this case may have been an act of charity

It may not have been as I am entirely ignorant
of what the woman has been doing while here.
She called on me some two months ago, at
which time she looked in good health. She
now looks very badly indeed. Said she had
been sick - It is really almost enough to
sicken one of the world, when looking around
and seeing so much wretchedness & misery
every where - but I suppose it all must be
for wise purposes, probably.

A Mr Brock, called on me yesterday with
a letter from Mr Ch Cotten - he had the
family of Mrs Cotten on his way to her Brother
Wm Bullock who now resides in Panola
County Miss. I suppose he sent for them
& will take care of them. It is fortunate for
the poor Woman that she has a Brother
to take care of her - You probably recollect
Mamoduke Slader, he called on me to day
he is located in Alabama & is now here to buy
paper for his printing establishment.

In my last letter to you I enclosed a
draft for two hundred Dollars. I was
really amused at your very modest
way asking for a remittance, I should
have said it however if you had not made
your wants known, I thought of it some
time before, concluded you must be nearly
out of your wants must be attended to.

Well dearest wife here I am again seated at
my table ~~again~~ to give you a few words before
retiring - I find I made a mistake last night
in the day & date; it ought to have been Tuesday
the 2^d instead of Wednesday the 3^d however it
will make but little difference any way
only we are not so near meeting by one
day - We have had a terrible day of it
running the hardest boat all day & I had to
go down on the Sloop this evening in all
the hardest of it to see some Boats off
got quite wet before I got back to my
office, but you know I don't mind rain
much, it won't hurt me - We have just
received the Cambridge News from Liverpool
bringing dull accounts, both Broadstuffs and
Cotton had declined, they will have little
or no effect on our market as we are
already down at the bottom of the Nile
If any change takes place it certainly
ought to be for the better - I am very
sorry that our market was run so high
by the Speculators, it has had a bad effect
for soon as a reaction took place, it went
to the opposite extreme & the Planters having
their expectations raised so high for a while
that they did not submit to the decline
& want their Cotton held up, thinking
that the market may rally again
towards Spring - I should not be surprised
to see it go up a little by & by provided
we get more shipping in & get go down.

John Adams has got into the manufacturing
bump at last, & I really hope he may do
well at it. I think it is extremely doubtful
if he don't look sharp they will come
the Yankee over him again. I wonder if
they ever get their money from the other
corner, the fact is John is not very well
calculated to navigate through this world
without some old experienced soldier to
advise, I plan out for him, he then could
execute very well.

The Pews in the new Church are
to be sold & rented on Monday next,
in what part of the Church will you
have yours, in the body, on one side
or in the Gallery - will you purchase
or will you rent - I think I shall
rent, being short of funds just now.
I they will want the cash down in order
to pay their debts - the best ones are put
down at \$1000 - very good ones on the
side about half way up are put down
at 300 - some of the best ones in the
Gallery are put down at \$400 -
I intend if they don't rent too high, have
some ones when I shall not be contented
interrupted during the service - I shall
be with much love
to all, & three big kisses for each of my babies
before me, ever truly your devoted father Henry

at my room Tuesday evening 1/2 past nine

New Orleans March 9th 1847.
My own dearest Wife
I am just from my office
where I have been hard at work all day. It seems
like I never shall get at leisure again, I have
had a great deal more to do this winter than I
have had any winter before since I first came
here, and as my business increases I suppose I
shall be still more drawn with it - Our Cotton
market has been exceedingly dull & low for some
time back, till Saturday last when it took one
of its unaccountable freaks, & has jumped up 1/2
to 3/4 Ct., notwithstanding the last accounts from
Liverpool were decidedly unfavorable, and a
decline of 1/2 to 3/4 Ct. - we certainly have a strange
market, & this year, the Cotton business is a mere
game of chance, good sales depending more
on good luck, than ^{on} good judgment. I made
some sales at the low price, & presumed I shall
not be abused for it, but as every Planter abroad,
wants as much money or more than his Cotton
will amount to soon as it is landed, it is impos-
sible to pay for all the Cotton that comes to market
to hold for now, so they must take their chances -
I sold on Friday 204 Bales on Saturday 221
on Sunday 197 Bales, all will amount to 30 thousand
Bales. I have now on hand as much more
than I can daily export, another 10 thousand Bales
are with three or four hundred Bales more -

Thursday night at my room 1/2 past nine
My dear wife, here I am seated at my
table again to say a few words to you before
retiring altho I don't know that I have much
very interesting - In the first place I have been
quite busy in my business both yesterday
& to day - After dinner I called on Judge
Reamy wife from Arkansas & I suppose she
would like me to go about with her to do
some shopping but I sorted & excused myself
on the ground of press of business. I told
her however that if she would make out
her mem^o. I would purchase all her
groceries for her & any thing else in that
line - I shall call on her again in the
morning with money, which is all important
with Ladies in New Orleans - There are a
great many Ladies on board the Boat
all from Arkansas - they generally remain
on board during their stay here -

Last night the grand Fancy & dress
Ball was given at the St Charles. The last
one for the season, it was a splendid
affair so said, when I went to tea I saw
the table which was splendid & large prepara-
tions were made & I believe they had a
good time - The weather for a day or
two back has been real summer, I suppose
our winter is pretty much over but
shall all come out in our summer rags
shortly - I see James & family of Miami
by a colored woman -

Friday night at my room 1/2 past nine.
March 12th Well my dearest one here I am again
seated at my table before a good fire. Last
night it was so warm that we wanted our
windows open to get fresh air, then sudden
changes are very disagreeable indeed, I thought
winter was over, it has been so warm for some
days past & the trees are all putting out &
grass springing up all about our street which
indicates spring - I was much heartily glad
this morning when Henry came in from the
office with a letter from you dated the
first of March - My Babes it seems they
were much delighted at the ushering in of
spring, dear little souls I want to see them
mightily, the time is fast approaching, March
is already most half gone & I hope my
Cotton business will close up early that I
may leave much sooner than I did
last year - The reason why the Portraits
have not been sent I have been waiting
to have the frames filled which I have
concluded to purchase here & send them
to you in good style - Mr Cook says he
will go tomorrow & see about them, and
just as soon as we can get them ready
we will send them ahead - I don't wonder
at your getting out of patience much they
ought to have been shipped before this &
you know that I have always admitted
that you are an abused woman -

Friday night at my room 9 o'clock March 19th
Well my dearest I have had the Portraits packed
to day & sent on board the ship Vicksburg which
will sail to morrow I hope she may have a
safe passage - William must see them taken
out of the Box with care or the frames will be
injured - The Top is screwed on, when taken off
removes the blocks by drawing the nails outside
the Box first (the heads of which project so they
may be taken out with the Pincers) then draws
the nails that confine the blocks inside the
Box - takes out the block & the frames may
then be taken out - The pins on the back
of the frames are screwed on & can be taken
off without injury to the frames - the nails
which you draw from the outside of the
box are driven into the ends of the pins
screwed on the back of the frames. which was
done to keep them in place & from moving
any way I hope they will go safely, and
will if they don't drop, or handle the
box roughly - I also have shipped you
a box of Pins - I shall write Parson
to send you word on their arrival and
some one had better go down & get them
up on the West Road as the frames will
probably go safer that way however the roads
are so good they might go safe that way
but the box must not get wet or the
frames are ruined - In about 10 days after
you receive them you may unpack the frames -
done to all at once your loving Dad Henry

Tuesday night at my Room 1/2 past nine
New Orleans March 16th 1847.
My dearly beloved Wife
I am now seated at my table before
a good fire, the weather having been very cold
for a number of days, about as cold as anything
we have had this winter - Sunday was a very
cold day indeed - We had Mr. Nicholson in the
morning to preach for us. the Doct taking his
place, he gave us a very good sermon but
nothing like the Doct's sermons -
Yesterday they commenced selling the
Pins in the New Church & a great many of
them sold at prices ranging between thirteen
& fourteen hundred Dollars, these were the
choice ones of course, but all that were
sold went off very high indeed, they did
not get through yesterday & continued the
sale to day & it was told that the sale amount-
ed to be about 80 thousand Dollars - the rem-
aining ones will probably will be rented, I
will come in for one when that takes place
if they don't run me off with high prices -
I am mighty tired to night, having been very
busy all day getting off a box of my Arkansas
golds, but I shall soon be over with them the
Cotton is nearly all in & if pins would only
go up a little they would all sell & go
home satisfied & go to work making another
crop & I would begin to think of sitting my face
towards Long Island -

Thursday night half past nine & without a fire -
Yours of the 10th came to hand this morning & I was
glad to learn that you all keep so well - Now
speak of confirmation in our Church we have
have had none since last spring. I suppose in
may the Bishop will visit us for the purpose
In relation to taking rooms at Mr Fays I am
fully of your opinion that we could not get
along with the Madams, & I have abandoned
the idea of taking rooms there altho the rooms
may be comfortable ones & no doubt are. I
think we can be better suited at Mr Husons
than any other place in the city provided
we can get rooms there I intend trying them
before I leave here (Mr Burdett Mr Bryan
& Mr Baker are boarding there & Mr Baker
says it is the best house he has ever been
at in New Orleans & he has had a good deal
of experience in boarding - I saw Mr Payne
today on of the Vestry. He said they were not
going to rent any of the Pews in the Church
but sell them all, so unless a person is able
to purchase they must look somewhere else
for a Pew. The fact is there is more money
among the Pew holders pretty & by selling all
the Pews to this class of people, the more
Pious are driven off for want of seats &
is only half filled except when these fan-
-tastic Church going ones turn out. I think
it a bad plan myself, they ought to retain

as many for Rent as possible, which would
give every one a chance once a year -
I have shipped today on Board of the Ship
Vickburg bound for New York a small Cask
of Malaga such as I sent Caroline, also
1/2 bbl of our best Sugar for Miss Clement
which please present to her on arrival, it
is marked with Mr Johnsons name same
as the Malaga - The Pictures will also go by
this vessel if I can get them packed up
they are ready & put in the frames &
they will be ready to hang up - the box
was to have been done today - in the morning
I will call & see if it is ready I hope they
will not get injured going on, or getting up
to Samarra, As per Mr Dicks he can fix
them so that they will go perfectly safe
I hope he may - They will all be sent
to Banton Peppers & when they arrive if
Mrs Com Opan Wallace to go down to the
city in the Cars & attend to getting them up
they will go safely - Wallace can get a bag
or Basket for one & Wallace see them put on
I carried carefully to the ferry see them over
safely and in the Cars & go along with
them himself and in this way all will be in
it & shall be & you will then get them in
due time - I also send 1/2 bbl Malaga to
Edw. Brown & friend Lowry & one to
friend Palmer & friend Brien

Well my dear when I was last seated
to write you it raining hard, but during the
night it cleared up & the wind blew a gale
almost by morning & that from the North
west too, cold enough I assure you, as
much so as any weather we have had
this winter & it continued so till to day,
the prospect is now more favorable for
some warmer weather -

The Pictures have now been on the way
about a week & if they have an average
passage you will probably get them in
two weeks from this date -

My Cotton business now begins to fall
off fast very little coming in, I shall
probably receive from 5 to 8 hundred bales
more & then will close the Cotton matter
for this year pretty much - The Gin
business will then take the place of
the Cotton & I hope it may for me
do some but little in that branch for
a long time - The time is fast running

off that will bring us together again if
our lives are all spared - I am beginning to
become quite impatient & I know you
& the dear little ones are quite as much
so - well I must close so good bye my
dear & believe as ever your much
devoted husband - Henry

Tuesday evening March 23^d 9^h at my room

My dear Wife

I am now seated again at my
table before a comfortable fire, it being quite
cold again, but this kind of weather surely can't
last much longer here - I rec'd a letter from
Isaac the other day in which he says he has
sold out his interest in the Printing office
It seems the whigs have had a sort of split
among them in Mass & Isaac of course
took sides & the other party which carried the
day were about to establish another whig
paper in Mass which would have been
very injurious to both & Isaac concluded he
had better sell out to them if he could, &
after much trouble, finally succeeded & he
says they will sell out stock & land
that is all their furniture & Negroes &
& Caroline & mother will go North -
Kitty to remain at school in Troy, Pitt
to go into a Counting House & Isaac
don't know what he will do with him-
self & Caroline, he would like to come
to New Orleans to live & he thinks Caroline
would like to live with you if some
arrangement could be made so we
could live together, I should like
much for you & Caroline & he together
if matters & things were so fixed that it
could be so - I suppose however they have

written you on this subject & given you more
fully than plans than they did me.

Thursday evening 9 o'clock just from my
Office through the rain - Cold & wet, I think
this storm must be the winding up of winter.
I hope so at least, this cold dry raw
weather such as we have had for some
time past is very disagreeable indeed.

Last night, or rather this morning
about 4 o'clock a fire broke out in
Charters Street & burned up some six or
seven large stores occupied as fancy dry
goods stores before the fireman could get
it out - Well I don't for a wonder you
letter under date of the 15th came through
to day in due time - I supposed you mailed
it on Tuesday & it reached here on Thursday
morning - I am really thankful that you
all continued well & do you think that your
health has been better this winter than usual
perhaps after all, the cold climate agrees
with you better than warm one -

So your draft was honored and are in
funds again - William finds it right con-
- must no doubt to have some one to call
in for change occasionally - How do you
all get along together, so many of you,
I such boys of children too, it would
run run almost crazy I know,
even with all my patience -

I went last night to a concert which was
said would be some great affair but it
turned ^{out} in my view of the matter to be the
greatest humbug imaginable - I have been
foaled so often heretofore that I had
pretty much made up my mind never
to attend another I found a dollar which
I had better kept for other purposes - I
had an invitation from Mr Bryan to attend
a family party at his Boarding House
given by the boarders, & I have not the
least doubt but that I should have
heard much better music & better played
very well - but I am so much out of
the way of every thing like parties these
days that I should hardly enjoy any
thing of the kind - it was Mrs. for
friend Richard's Lady, & friend Richard
himself don't hate a thing of the kind
bad - Mr Bryan says they had a fine
supper & every thing passed off agreeably
How does Miss Ellen Carter get along in
talking, she ought to talk right plain
by this time I should think, I suppose
she has got so that she can walk very
well - How does Miss Betty & Molly get
along with their books, do they learn any
thing - do they go to school or do you try
to teach them at home - tell Miss Betty
I shall expect she will read for me when
I come home & Molly much such a little song

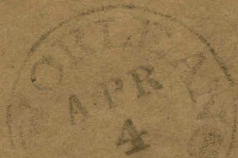
With my dearest, your letter 22nd came to hand
Friday morning. Last one day I suppose on
the road some which was doing pretty well
I am sorry you were in such low spirits,
what is the matter I wonder, anything more
than business, or are you not so well as
you have been - you must cheer up as
the time will soon roll round, when we
shall be united again if our love are spared
and we are well - As regards the paper Mr
Prest did not direct them, it was Henry
a Lad I have with me of about 14
years of age, I told him to send you
two or three in week in order to learn
him to write letters - but hereafter as
it is your wish I will direct them my
self - Mr Johnson has not yet arrived
here, probably will get here some time
during the week - I am glad you have
got your sketch going well again
As to Mrs George I have heard nothing
of her since the morning she came into
my office, presume he was she with
of - Her son left here last summer for
Charleston - also Mr George started for Charleston
last summer & I believe was last at sea, and
no longer there - You will soon receive your picture -
I must close so good bye my beloved one, from your
most affectionate Mother

Monday night March 29th at my room 9th
My dearest Wife
I am here again seated
at my table & without a fire this time the
weather having become much warmer -
Yesterday was a delightful day also, I attended
church both morning & evening, the Dock gave
us two good sermons, I was turned out of my
Pew in the morning, the church being much
crowded, in the evening I remained there but
but few, one reason I think was that the
Dost did not give it out in the morning &
as he suddenly gives us a sermon in the
afternoon that many no doubt knew nothing
of it - The New Church is getting along pretty
well, but I don't think we shall get into it
for several Sundays yet, & I don't much
care, as the organ has not yet arrived, it
is on the way so the Dost told & ought to
be here soon - They have sold about 100
Pews on the first floor & they will probably
sell the balance or what they can't sell
I will then come in for a chance if they
don't go too high for me - I had a most
delightful dream last night, I thought we
were together again & as happy as ever and young
lovers you were, but when I awoke found
it was but a dream I was sadly disappointed
I have however had seeing a pleasant dream about
you recently, I hope they may soon be realized -

Wednesday night at my room 9 o'clock
Yesterday & today have been two delightful
ones, I ^{with} you & my dear babies were here to enjoy
it with me, we really do have the most
delightful vacation here during the month
of April & May imaginable - It is very
pleasant out at night the moon shining
brightly & just warm enough to be pleasant
& agreeable - I attended service on Monday
& yesterday. today I was engaged with my
business & could not leave at 11 the hour
appointed - I have sold three tons to
day, & got a new Cotton Customer of 75
to 100 Bales from Red River - we have
all been put back in our Cotton business
in not getting the letters & papers by the
last steamer which have been due some
three or four days, we have had no mail
for that length of time, it is really
outrageous that a place of so much
importance as New Orleans should only
receive the mail regularly through two
or three times a week & sometimes only
once a week - It is not to be wondered at
after all when we look to the Character of
the men appointed to manage the affairs
of our government to pretty much everything
is done in the same way - They have
tried their utmost to kill off or disgrace old
Taylor, but fortune has favored him every way

at Friday night at my room 9 o'clock
Well my dear wife this is the closing of the
5 day of April - how time flies, to look back
it seems but yesterday when March came
in & passed us, but it has gone from us forever &
April will soon follow - I don't wish time
away but I am becoming quite impatient
for the time to arrive when I shall be able
to go to my dear husband & wife
& little ones, I am anticipating so much
happiness when we meet again & may I
be allowed to say again in this world nor
in the world to come.

I attended church today & I don't yet
could have heard that last sermon, it
was a splendid one indeed & so well
suited to the day. We had a full church
which I hardly expected to see particularly
gentlemen who don't like to turn out on
business days much - I have been about
the only gentleman attendant during the
week - It is really strange, but not more
so than that New will find abundance
of time to go to Horse Races or some other
place of amusement, but when called
on to give us an hour to this matter, why
they have no time to spare, business men,
the attend to their business, and then
- ~~some~~ made too by those who ought to
give better examples to the world.



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