

My Noble Bell Mercer Dec 19th 1858

I write these few lines to you hoping they will find you and your little Eli in good health. I have been very unwell for this last two weeks with the Dysentary but I am getting well now I had not got rest in my Bed for more than a week and I felt the want of a Home so I trust there will be better luck in my future Days I want to inform you would you stay with me here at Mercer if I can get a Situation that I can keep you Right Good with ought any trouble Mr Griffith is keeping me here for better purpos than to work for Backenrige he told me last Monday that he thought that him and me could Manage that farm better than it is manage at present I gave him no Answer nor want with out your Consent my Dear Bell I have wrote to Captain Goff I think I can have a horse and Buggy to fetch you a way from there if you think it will be best I have to go there any how to get my Bed and other things but I shant Com till a bout sum time in the middle of March next

I gave that two Dollar note back to Mr Griffith and he had no change then I will get you sum Money in the Cours of a week it vexed me a good deal about the note been bad I gave it to Rachael and told her to show it to Thomas and he said it was good and it was then that Posted it I will send a few lines in the Cours of a week or so

I remain your Affectionate
H. J. G.

little George McCain has been very sick this week he is getting better

all is wite at present

Send me few lines before long I like to hear from you my Dear Wm.