

my forward, the peach trees in full blossom, but we
have had several cold spells lately, and a true blight - which
I fear has killed everything - Mr Morgan has taken charge
of New Washington, and is making great efforts to see
what he can do at farming - he has already planted
six barrels of Irish potatoes, and a great many sweet potatoes
he is up every morning before daylight, and works
from sunrise till dark, with the negroes - I expect
to make ~~my~~ ^{my} ~~unlasting~~ ^{unlasting} ~~fortune~~ ^{fortune} selling butter and eggs
I have near a hundred hens, which will keep me
busy to look after - ^{My} The Col bought us a year's
provisions from New York - everything that is good, so
all that we make is clear gain, and is having
the house, kitchen, and out houses, put in complete
repair, painted and white washed, so upon the
whole, I think we shall be very comfortably fixed.
The Col speaks of going North again this Spring, we
have Mr Preston with us, I wish you and Pa could
be with us, and I live in hopes that you and him
will yet come to Texas, to live - it does not look right that
we should all be here, and you and Pa thus alone -
I was glad to hear that you received the box, and that
the dresses, fit - the cross carried it safe - Cornelia
talks of going to California, and if he should will take
the cross with him - Louis Harris and his wife are going
C will write and tell you all about it - I saw Lin
when I was at Harrisburg, he is well, and intends
boarding with Mr H and family in Houston - I hear
they are going to housekeeping, I am so anxious to see
Sanille, I shall tire her with questions - I must thank
you for the pressures. C told me you had sent
me some - Mr Sherman is building - Sister sent me
word that in about six weeks she would have a house to
rent me in - I believe I have told you all the news

I do not feel to mention my letter to you, Mr Morgan may not feel free to forward it to you, Pa & Ma

P. Cornelia has just come and reports all well at Harrisburg and
brings the pressures and bolts and follows - for which I return
many thanks - but ought to send you, for sending me the
money to buy the cases, for I look upon the bolts and follows as a
present indeed, and will get New Washington Feb 4 the 1849

The case as you desired - Tell Uncle Stephen that I will
write to him, The pressures are very nice and remind me
of old Kentucky he sure to write soon, (Love to Sally)
My Dear Ma & Pa

I know you think strange and
feel hurt that I have not written you before this
but my feeble health together with my many cares
of house-keeping has prevented me from discharging the
duty which I owe to you both - The distressing news of
Uncle James's death I did not hear of until some two
weeks after this letter had been received and I can
scarcely realize that such is the fact for I can only
look upon him - as I saw him last, in the enjoyment
of robust health and to be cut down so suddenly should
more forcibly remind us of the uncertainty of life
and our chief object should be to prepare ourselves to be
united again with those dear ones that have gone
we do deeply sympathize with you all in this sad
bereavement and I sincerely trust that you will with
Christian resignation be able to bear the affliction
dispensation of God - poor Sanille how much I feel
for her but circumstances as they are (I allude to her
marriage) and the travel and change of scene will in
some degree dissipate her grief and enable her to bear her
afflictions better - I suppose on this the marriage ceremony
has been consummated, and but for this cholera this awful