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New Orleans. Nov<sup>o</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>  
My dear Husband 1865

Yours of the 25<sup>th</sup> ~~was received~~  
this morning before breakfast, arrived  
= and by the beautiful bunch of  
Pecans, affording our dear daughter  
the pleasure of enjoying one for her  
breakfast. Six were immediately  
dispatched, bearing a card with your  
compliments to Mr Hall, according  
to your request. I felt so certain  
you would return last night, that  
I could not sleep, but started up after  
every little snap, thinking every  
carriage that stopped was bearing  
you off. The fact is my mind  
was so ~~burdened~~ with the belief, that  
I passed a most restless & miserable  
night, all from my own foolishness.  
The receipt of your kind letter was  
a great relief, & comfort, giving

at the assurance of your continued health. & somewhat successful efforts in ~~recovering~~ many articles of our home - school effects, I hope you may find our other Armours & Parlor furniture use, your Office furniture also, as it would be very useful to the boys at home, and was very neat, & substantial. The chairs were very comfortable. There is no doubt most of our things ~~in~~ the way of furniture are in B. Rouge, among the negroes and other easels. Hunt was here the day after you left, wishing to hire himself to you on the plantation. he said it was a very pretty place. He shortly like to live there. He is on a boat running to Newville. & wished you to leave a letter with Mr. Prencase to let him know if you want to take him, and on what terms. He says Mr. Doherty's malatto

Woman, or Wives, & Slasheries occupied the house with the Yankees and they carried off many of our things, & are living in B. Rouge now. I think you said Mr. Duncan had our silver patches, which please get as it is much required at home. I send you letters from home, & one other that has been awaiting you for a day or two. If I could see Mr. Prencase! come from some idea of your delay which I hope will not be much longer. I hope you will be able to leave for home some time this week. Many inquiries have been made for you since your departure among your friends. I also enclose a letter from the Wintrops. I am glad to see they are coming out. I cling to their friends of Newvile. Give my best love to dear Aunty and family, also Mr. Duncan, & others who always kindly remember us.

Shant you have an opportunity  
of seeing Dave. Wish you would come  
play him at once, to go home with  
us as COTTLE, as we are greatly in  
need of one. Ask Auntys families  
Fanny who may know of some & =  
as also for a good seamstress, that  
can be well recommended. either black  
or white. We must have servants in  
our house both to depend upon, for  
a miserable life to have to get along  
= org with such little stupid chil-  
= dren as we have. we can barely  
get along in the summer, but when  
the winter comes, the inconvenience  
& exposure is too great. I will cut  
a copy of my letter longer but hope  
to get it off this evening. Miss  
Mary Dixie & Jordan have just left.  
also Mr Sam Chapman & family  
Our dear children write in good  
and devoted love, & believe me  
ever your own Sarah