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extreme. I have been striving
hard to keep up. but now I feel that
I must give way to my feelings. I feel
sometimes my father, that I will
never see my darling husband
again, and this thought is crushing.
I am willing and more than willing
to give up the Confederacy & live all
my life a slave to Lincoln; to have
my husbands back again and out
of danger. Little Robert Campbell
is very well; can almost walk, has
learned to kip very smoothly; and can
say a good many little words. The
mules in Pitts could not keep in his
pasture - they broke out six or seven times
& he sent them home; they were break-
ing the lot fence down; here, constantly
& getting out, and no one would
take them. So brother
William concluded to sell them -

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My ever dear father
Your kind
little note was received a few
days ago, and would have been answered
by Saturday's mail, if I had not
felt so much indisposed. Papa left
us about ten days ago with his ox
goad & wagon - he will haul salt
from the salt works ^{in Texas} to Shreveport
& take Cotton & Tobacco &c from
Shreveport to Texas. We all con-
cluded it would be best to keep
Alek & Turner here, as your ox
goad will all then be together &
will be more convenient to you.
Alek is kind in town for the
month; the gentleman wishes
him for six months, at

The mules - Mr Pitts could not keep in his pasture -
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town
He got them or your
them to value them, & Papa
with them. But said you might
have them back again if you did
not wish to sell them; or take
them again. When you wishes to
return to the Bayou. They were val-
ed at \$2.50.00 (two hundred & fifty
dollars) for the larger mule, & \$2.00.00
(two hundred dollars) for the small
one. So you think we will soon
have peace father? Every one says
so but I hardly dare hope for it.
I wish I had known that you were
going back to the Bayou. For I
would like so much to have a
mosquito bar; the mosquitoes are
so annoying to the baby & I can get
no sleep for him. I hope soon

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My ever dear Father

When I returned home I was
amazed. But as I was to see
at the College for six months I could
do this for what he gave me
(I believe I have done) for me
I have a feeling that I have
received from him, but not the
same as I did a day, and this
he made for a day. But I
say, he thinks, he can make much
more by the day than by the month.
I have made very faithfully, and the
people in town are anxious to
pay him - he generally has work
engaged there on your days ahead.
All other things are getting scarce
I think, & cloth is hard to find.
I understand yesterday in buying cloth
enough for two pairs of pants at
\$1.00 per yard. I understand

I will try to engage two shirts
to wear the cloth for their shirts.
Considerable reclamation is
now in town on account of the
Donnell case. Mr Campbell also
has about two squares from the
has lost two negroes with it, and
has now two negroes his wife and
daughter with it. All of
this family. White & Black have
been vaccinated & all of your
negroes. We have no get of any cases
but of the Campbell family.
I do not hear account of your
Bottle now, it takes another long
days for a letter to come from
New York. Mr. V. you cannot imagine
how much I suffer in mind.
This disease is spreading in the

They are very anxious to see you, and they are very anxious to see you

I will make you envelopes
& suggest an improvement. My
also Maria's health
Maria's health
little daughter
and one from your devoted
mother, and one from your
dear father. I have been so
grateful that the last Conscription
law would take you - I should
then feel completely restored. Dr. H.
and I did not know much love to you
except a sweet kiss from your
mother, and one from your devoted
little daughter

Handwritten notes on aged paper, including:

- 18th Sept 1840 - 1.95
- 18th Sept 1840 - 1.80
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- 18th Sept 1840 - 1.70
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