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Dear Lister

We Recd your letter last night and were glad to hear of your usual good health and prosperity. We have no reason to complain for we so far have enough to eat and I presume could find something to do if we should look around pretty sharp. But since the inauguration of Hayes & Wheeler have concluded to look for office instead of work altho this may not be very safe as a means for procuring bread and butter yet it is surely more agreeable. I send a discharge of mortgage which I wish you would sign and send in haste back to me as I have a chance to sell and buy another lot near home. Now to do this correctly you go ~~before a~~ before a Notary Public and sign your name on the line marked 2 fill out the blank dates