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Dear Uncle Aunt and Cousins

I received your letter some time since and ought to have answered it before but my circumstances have been such that my mind was not enough composed I have had all manner of trials to encounter with and disappointment withal but the hope of better day bears up me up Dear Aunt I received a letter from there the other day which stated that you was quite sick I would that I could step in and see you but that privilege is denied me I am all alone here no kind friends save my Mother and Brother to sympathize with me and I have to practice it toward them you know how I hated to come and I found things much worse than I expected that