

Burke June 19

Dear children

I left Murengo just one week ago to day arrived in Malone wednesday afternoon I took cold changing cars Tuesday night it brought quinsey sore thought it finally brook Sunday morning to day I can sit up part of the time but am not strong enough to write much Saturday night I read a letter from Lydia saying her health was improving thought she would be able to come home in a few days but the next morning this good news was contradicted yesterday morning a dispatch came saying she was dead