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My Dear Wife Maria

It is but two days since I last wrote you but as I have nothing else to do but read and write and take care of myself I might as well write often and keep you posted as to my progress We have had splendid weather for 3 or 4 days past and I have been out doors quite often but to day is a wet, windy, cloudy, disagreeable day and I am obliged to stay in the house and content myself as best I can, I have written to Mercie & Eliza & Aunt Jewell and now though last not least I am writing to you the dearest one on earth to me as of course you knew before I said so, -