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my Dear son I received your long look for welcom letter it gave me great satisfaction to think you remembered your duty to me once more would have written to you long ago about did not know where you was you told me you intended going to new Orleans glad to hear you did not I did not write in some days after received your letter in consequence my being sick at the time had just received the sad intelegence the Death of your uncle Minor Winn Thomas Winn of Mills Point hase informed us by letter he states in his letter he moved from Hanover thirty 2 years since being the only relation he had near him he states in his letter the way he learnt our residence was by a letter Letty Durnett rote to Minor after the Death of Harvey Durnett Mr Winn informs us he left house and Lot he supposed worth fifteen hundred Dollars some other property six Hundred he says he is an old Man but will render any service in his power in the matter he says will attend to the personal estate but the other must be attended to by agent Jessey has written to him I dont know what I have not seen him since February he came to see me and staid a weake hunted with the boys which Mary enjoyed verry much George you wish to know about Caroline and Child she is well but has lost the Child soon after you left the boy Toals lived but short time after you left here I assure you my Deare Son there was no attention been towards the Child on my part nor its mother could not have don more had it been my own was truly sorry on your account she expects to increase verry shortly again you wish to know my charge for keeping her you remember I promised to keep her for her success which I will do nor will not have you pay me any thing for keeping her as long as you chuse for her to remain with me now if you ever any thing hereafter you should keep this letter in case of Death which will show I am willing to

keep her for her survices I dont think you need dread any thing of the
kind now concerning your Land I understood you I might use the Mill
and tend your Land now George I want you right me whether I was
mistaken or not I would not do any thing contrary to your wish on
no terms whatever the feild you will remember has not come in but ones
since you left then we only tended a small spart around the old
house that was don by my direction and now George I want you wright
me whether I have acted contrary to your wish I hope you will not
hesitate to say whether you want it tended or not I have been praying
for all the Land as I did before the devision and am as wiling to
do for you as for the other Children as long as I can make enough to do
it with I am geting along about the same as when you was here I don't
owe much some Shop account and some Store account I dont get nothing
but what I am compeled to have I stay to make every edge cut that will
to keep even Dabneys hire I pay the Childrens schooling with negro
hire very low here now I only get fifty 4 dollars for him this year
over the mountain I am truly glad Sonny is such a help to you say
to him he has a brother and Sister since he left Clarry is glad to
here from him old Frederick come home last Christmas lived till May
and died such you must excuse this writing have lost my eye sight in a
measure since you left have to wore speckle some times I was syck from
the time you left until the spring some times not able to go about
the Children have been going to skool pretty steadey since you left I tell
Robert I dont think can send him away longer than this year if can get
good teacher will try and send him half of next the boys grow very fast
they all join me in love to you say all they want is for you to come back
and hunt with them Robert has raised him I thinks thinks greatdeal of
this gun is allways hunting when from skool kills good deal of game
and now George sincerely hope you will not forget your promis to me by saying
you would wright to me and come to see me again child may forget mother
but mother cannot forget a Child when she has undergoen so much for them
my thoughts is allways hovering round you and sincerely pray for your welfare

I love you now as I did when I held you in my arms and sincerely
hope you not neglect me as you have don we have not had any rain here for near
5 weaks have been verry seasonable until now am in hopes the Corn was too near
made to be ingured much we have made verry sorry crops of wheat since you left

wanted send me something I assure you it will be thankfully rec
trifle knowing it come from you I received your letter about th
get the Children leave the room till they heard the contents sa
would not sleep a wink that knight if I did not read it to
they were to bed very merry Robert will be seventeen tomorr
wright to you soon this leaves us all in comon health hope it m
your uncle Minor left no will was only syck 8 days my frap
must now conclude by saying will wright again when g
which I hope you will immediately

now believe me be your affectionate Mother until Death Eliz

Robert says you must send him word what has becom of
Clarry sends her love to Sonny says tell him send her som

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