

Montgomery Ala. May 6th 1866

My dear Mother

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This is a doleful letter I know, but it will at least satisfy you that all my plans have your interest and comfort in view. I hope to be able to write more good news when I return from the country - In the meantime I hope you will write to me - Joe will write during my temporary absence - He received a letter a few days ago written some time in March -

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