

Addison May 1868
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Friend Lewis

Sir I received
your most welcome letter and
have been a little negligent about
answering it as I have been
very busy and away from home
but I trust you will forgive
me this once and I will do
better in future I am enjoying
my self as well as my conscience
will permit me to while
being hard at work I have
shared twenty days and they
still call for me but I am
getting weary as I have to work
a lone but I must toil still
as there but little ^{peace} in poverty
while in this world

I can find but little to
write that will interest you as
every thing is quiet ~~and~~ very dull
very little stir in any kind of
business as money is getting short
& people cannot get it. Your
horse is doing very well as well
as can be expected still he
many times asks where you
are I tell him & you will
soon return as I have been
to Henrys some part of the
time since you left

I suppose you are enjoying
your self very much visiting
your friends and relative I
hope you are as enjoyment is
the only blessing of this world
I am very fond of you and wish
you would come back and
stay in this country unless
you can do better were you
are if you can I have nothing to say

if you see Henry Johnson tell
him to wait me I will not
write any more for you cant
read this you must write
as soon as you can and
pardon me for not
writing any more this
time Good by

from your friend

A. G. Norton

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