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My dear father,

Not having written to you in some time I have concluded to do so the first thing Monday morning I have been spending two or three days in Rome. Had some business there and besides that I wanted to buy the baby a carriage & some other things necessary to visiting. She is five months old today and weighs 20 lbs.

I will leave you to detail the many smart & pretty things she has learned to do and say.

We have had a deal of bad weather for just three days and coming home Saturday night from Rome our train ran off above Patona, during the biggest kind of a storm. No body hurt but everybody scared to death nearly. Two or three fellows jumped for the bell cord but I stuck to my seat and watched chances to fall easy.

Lightning has had her calf and a fine fellow it is. Very large and straight foreleg, with beautiful neck & ~~leg~~ <sup>head</sup>. Our cow had a calf night before last I think its a female.

JOHN M. CALDWELL  
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JAMES & CALDWELL  
No other news I believe, and mama is to  
write you today,

Affectionately  
Yours

John Caldwell

My father-in-law has a claim on US  
well proven and I would be glad if  
you would do anything to help him get  
it. I saw him in Rome Friday.

Since writing above I have ascertained  
that our calf is a little "blee"

If not delivered within 10 days



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