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My Dear Child

I received your letter and at any other time it would have been a source of pleasure inescapable but now when death is all around me I fear to see you come. The cholera is in our Town every morning brings us news of some friend "gone to that home from whence no traveler returns." There is but few families left in Town. We have had 9 deaths from cholera, this morning Mr. Carty died with a few hours sickness. There is several more hopeless cases. I have concluded this morning to leave for Cane Creek. I am satisfied it is atmosphere and we live so near Town I fear we will have it in our family. After you rest a day or two can you not come on to Cane Creek. Aunt has no family but Jake. Julia has gone to the Hot Springs in Arkansas with Mrs. Carmack. Lou Greer has no family and has plenty of room and I know you will be welcomed. I must see the little boys. God bless them. Mary I must see you Mr. Caldwell and the children. There is no cholera on Cane Creek. You can avoid the Town and come and see us. I will write again as soon as I get to Cousin Josephs or Aunts. Mr. Caldwell

can inquire what way he can come to avoid the Town. The Girls are packing their Trunk to leave. We will go in a hack our trunk will follow us tomorrow by the stage. Do come to Cane Creek to see us. I know you will not be making any risk. Do not be alarmed on our account. We have not had a case of cholera in our neighbourhood but the Girls are so excited that I fear if I do not leave the excitement will bring it on. God bless you my Dear Child and preserve you from all evil. LD Greer

I forgot to tell you that Eliza reached here the 2d day of this month on her way to Kentucky. She was going to see a physician of (Louisville) who has cured several Ladies in and near Athens of the same disease she is labouring under. But when she reached here she heard of cholera on the boats and in Nashville and sent Mr. Garrett back home to wait until it subsided. It broke out here soon after he left (we were expecting it before he left) and I promised him to send Eliza and Molly home the first case we had but he heard exaggerated accounts and started and rode from home to Beardens in three hours. He met Eliza and John on the top of Wells Hill

I hope Dear Mary I shall see you once more. Farewell.

PS, I have just heard another Death a few hours ago. Sam Edmunson who married Mag Robison died a few moments ago. Yesterday he was in good health. His child died last night. I leave in a few moments. Farewell.

The Post Master of Huntsville will please forward this immediately.

To the care of Mr. John Caldwell
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