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My Dear Wife

Your of 7 Came to hand today on our arrival & I was glad to hear of your health being better and that of the Children being good I have been well since I wrote to you though have suffered by heat Considerably we made 2 trips to Parkersburg & are bound up tomorrow again we have had uncommon hard work to get up have had to lighten at Buffington & Blennerhassetts I [unreadable] & line flats & Barges and had a good ell of work and anxiety of mind for a little money we made between 3 and 400 Dolls last week I cannot tell what our prospects will be this week yet but I hope we shall not lose anything

I was down to see your mother this evening she & Ella are well I did not get down to see her last trip & it was as well for she had gone down to South Bend and did not get up till Tuesday she says that she enjoyed the trip and put up a large quantity of Blackberries Fruit of all kinds is very abundant and watter mellons are beginning to get plenty we had some to eat on the boat this evening that the crew bot which were very fine I wrote a letter to John Russell and requested him to pay my taxes I cannot tell you when you may look for me up as it is very uncertain when I can go up with the Boat & I want to make all I can out of her I will not leave her in any bodys hands untill compelled to by sickness or war I want you to try to make yourself as happy as as you Can under the circumstances I know how you feel about this war matter but you need not to make yourself uneasy on my account for you can rest assured that I will try to keep out of danger as well as I can I will be less likely to be drafted by being away than I would be if at home I am at present in part in the government employ in the way of a transport that is we carry a great many soldiers and large quantitys of Gov Frt. I expect if the water gets much lower we will not even as far up as Parkersburg and may be employed to Carry Gov Frt & soldiers up as far as Gallipolis & if such should be the case then I will be Free from the draft I will expect a letter here when I return which will be on this day week I will drop you a line tomorrow before we leave and let you know what our prospects are Kiss all the children for me and take care of yourself and them for me

Your affectionate husband  
WB Anderson