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My Dr Wife

Yours mailed 13th I got on my arrival to the City this afternoon & was glad to hear from you. I have been absent from the City for a few days on a trip to Maysville we are sill in Gov employ and I suppose we will continue some time yet as there is no prospect of water. I will have to be disappointed in my prospects of going home for while and if you can come down I will be glad to see you any time you can come you had better not attempt to bring the children as they will be to great a charge for you, although I should be very happy to see them but you could not be at liberty to go any place you might wish with them and there is no reason why you could not leave them in care of Mary McNamee and Julia Porter for that time. You can make your own arrangements about the children as I leave the care of them altogether to you I think if you will come down ~~you had better come down~~ you had better not wait as long as next month for fear the river will raise or if it don't raise & should continue to fall we might be sent down below this my advise to you will be for you to come by the Steubenville route and leave Pittsburgh at one Oclock or there abouts and when you get on board you tell the conductor that you want to take the sleeping car which they take in tow at Steubenville and that will cost you 50 cts extra that train arrives at the Dayton & Hamilton Depot at about 5 or 6 o'clock AM the ticket office is on Liberty Street near the Canal on the left hand side of the street it might be that John will come down with you and that would be better as I think he has acted very foolish for I have to pay 5\$ each per day for Pilots and he might just as well had 200\$ dollars while he has been at home as not if you should come down or have any chance to send me that pair of Blue pants [unreadable] down I would like to have them as my Pants are getting thin and I don't want to spend any money I can help. I have not seen your mother for 2 or three weeks I may see her in a few days if you come let me know a few days before you come when to be on the look out for you.

Tell Old Man Walsh that I will take 12 dolls for that Heifer & for him to sell the Hay and divide the money I think hay will be very High in the spring but I suppose he wants his share of the money he can do as he thinks best about it. That Bank notice you spoke about I made arrangements with Holmes & Sons Broker to pay all my notes that will fall due I told Mr Wright to use what money was deposited at Holmes & Sons belonging to the Boat to Pay Notes & when that ran out to use what I had there which is sufficient to pay all claims that may fall due for a while I will look for a letter from you soon and will be pleased to hear of you making satisfactory arrangements to come and see me as it seems utterly impossibly for me to leave for the present I am to settle up our business here up till the 15 of this Mo this or next week and then I will find out what I am making but one thing I do know is that I am doing as well as I want to with a boat my share of the profits and wages is at least 40 dolls per day and that is not bad but keep it to yourself. I will stop as the mail closes at 8 O'clock this evening I will write soon again but write immediately and give me all the news and take good Care of yourself and the children and kiss all of them for me and tell them to be good.

Your Affectionate Husband
WB Anderson