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Dear Rhoda I recieved your letter yesterday I was glad to here from you though I was sorry to here that the baby is sick I would like to know is he much worse then he was when I lafe and is he as cros as he was you say that oyr foaks air all sick do you mean that they air all sick a bead or air they able to help them selves how is uncle and what is he doing have you got my tools home and what have you don with the calf and pig I want you to keep the cow in the stable wet wather the wather hath ben very pleasant and dry have the first frost I see here was last monday morning you wanted to know what I am going to do I cannot tell you much about it but I do not think we will see any fighting very soon for our orders air to drill only four hours a day and they air not very petickler about that and we have never hed any powder to load our guns yet you say air very loansome you ought to make your self as comfortable as posable do not fret about me and go to se sene of the nabers as often a covenant as you can convontly be cheerful and the time will not seem long I think that I will not begone more then a year and perhaps not so long is M C Manes come home yet I have seen som of his company and they think that he went hone along time ago Write as soon as you can pray the god will led us all

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