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My Darling Wife—

You cannot imagine how much I miss you this time. Each time seems harder and harder for me to separate from your dear Self. I know it is the same with you my precious One. It is impossible for me to say how long I shall remain here. I presume it will be fifteen or twenty days if not longer. You can answer this my Darling at this place as I am always so verry [sic] anxious to hear from you and home. Enclosed you will find some (20) postage stamps. I purchased them in Lake City. I came from home and brought that note against Mr. Sessions. I enclosed it in an envelope at Welborn [Wellborn] to you. I saw at Welborn Mr. Brennan, he told me he had a letter from Mr. Kensey authorizing him to dispose of his corn at one dollar per bushel. If such is the case my Darling your Mother had better purchase one or two hundred bushels and we will pay for it on our return for I would not pay out State money. Remember me to all. I hope you all are thriving as well as circumstances will permitt [sic]. I have written to your Father and Ramond by this mail. I really do not know my Darling how I shall amuse myself during my stay at this place. I know if will be so lonesome. I wish you were here to Share my lonesomeness with me. After I left you My Darling I saw two large Deer feeding at the first branch on the road to Welborn. I walked near enough to shoot them with a Pistol if I would have had one. Oh how I wished for my gun. I am confidant I could have killed them both.

Write soon my Darling to your Husband
Jacob E. Mickler

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