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Dear father

I left Lavinia last Friday

they were all well. I was taken sick and I have to come home I was afraid I would have a hard spell I am good deal better. To day I left Rhoda and Letter with Lavinia. Lavinia has been terrible enough to make her self sick she keep up very well she never eat or sleep and she was going all the time help looking and walking most all the time I never got there until Sunday morning soon after they found the body there I found my poor sisters almost crazy with her poor little children following her about crying it was awful times at night the children are scared they sleep but very little. I was there but little while when Aunt Rhoda and her daughters brok loose talking they tried every way to mak a fuss I never did believe what I here about how Aunt Rhoda and her daughter could talk I see with my own eyes and here with my own ears she said your children had cause her to see enough trouble and then try to mak the Harkins to believe it was some Lavinia near kin I took every thing very easy I told ^{her} there was no place to make a fuss and if she had any feelings go

for Lavinia she would not go on as Isabella
and Isabella talk about good deal James Harkins
Col. Harkins heard every thing I never treat them
out of the way & hardly could believe it was about
Rhoda was talking they abuse Lavinia in her own
house Lavinia said to all that if it was not
for the Indians that they never would found her
husband for the white people believe Prince
old Howell not one of the Harris were there they
never come nor there wife or children, about Rhoda
Isabella et al Isabella and Joe was the only ones
were at Lavinia all they went for to make a fuss
Grand mother is at the line she has bin sick for
long time I think she is with Lavinia she send
her word she was comonizing this week about
Heziah funeral was preach 4 weeks ago at Grand
mothers about Rhoda and her daughters were there
about Robs uncle Tom went to see grand mother while
she was at the line he said she was in good deal of
trouble about how her daughters were going on
I am very anxious to move from here I dont
want Loring to get in any difficulty we cant take
every thing you better write to Lavinia and
advise ^{her} what to do Loring will go in a few days
to see her I will go with him if I am well
Lavinia will be glad to receive a letter from you
John Ryngton was with Lavinia ^{one} day and night he was
there Sunday morning

old Aunt Lucy and little Bill are over with Lavinia
Lavinia never ~~want~~^{until} take Lucy over; Anna was
dead some two months Lavinia had so much
sickness in her family her breast was raised about 7
months before it got well she was not able to do
nothing and she had Lucy over there to help her
rest of the family are all well Both of my children
are well my little son commence talking very well
we all want you to come home I hope you will
come soon we never heard from you for a long
time until few week a go I will bring my letters
to a close my fingers pains me grade deal with the
rheumatism I would be glad to receive a letter y^r
from you no more from your daughter

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