

Eagle Inn

Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 1866

Dear Pa,

Death has again visited my family  
Mary had another fine boy but God has  
seen pleased to take <sup>him</sup> <sup>from us</sup> away. We buried  
him last Thursday, I believe that my he  
was a better looking than my first  
boy. Every body who saw him said that  
he was a fine specimen of the bay kind  
poor Minnie thought so much of him  
and cried all night because we put  
him under the ground. Puluama  
lost his baby the same time I did  
mine. There old man Mullin  
lost his wife not long since.

Mary has had a  
hard time of it and is still  
confined to her bed, we thought  
she we would die but she is  
now getting better, and it is to  
be hoped will recover.

Y<sup>r</sup> negro  
at the plantation are a



well. All the boys remained excepting  
Ned and Ann - <sup>her daughter</sup> Some of Howell  
have gone there. The ~~man~~  
his family is all there, all good  
hands. You have a very respect-  
table force and they are in fine  
spirits. They have entered into  
a contract for 1/5 of the corn  
cotton &c - notwithstanding Mr.  
McKane offered his one half  
so did Howell but Howell ~~did not~~  
take the offer but accepted of 1/5  
on our plantation. They have  
gone to work in good earnest, and  
we are looking daily for more  
hands. Tolson deserves praise  
and credit for his course since  
you left. He told the negroes in  
a public speech that he had more  
confidence in his old master ~~than~~  
in doing him justice than he had  
in all Yankee promises and  
other white men. They refused  
to have anything to do with  
Ballard. They said they were  
Indian negroes, freed by In-  
dians not Yankees and were



a part of the Invidian Tribe,  
and has nothing to do with  
<sup>white</sup> people. Jim Hudson and  
I made the Contract for you -  
Old Dykman has been <sup>an</sup> ever  
lasting spue and the negroes  
are mighty down on him for not  
attending to getting flurs &c -

They are behaving themselves  
and are satisfied & contented  
and working like men - They  
elected Solomon as their Capt  
and he says that they will make  
more than McKane's negroes  
who are getting one half at least  
he is going to try hard for it -  
I believe they will make more <sup>than</sup> <sup>Colony</sup>  
they ever did,

Mr Bynington says you  
must be certain to call and  
see Lucy. They are well -  
I have not heard a word  
from you, write soon  
Your son  
L P P