Montgomery, Ala.
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My dear Wife:

I arrived here last evening and hastened to comply with your request to write as soon as I arrived. I was much hurried to reach the train Saturday night, and would have been left, if I had not taken the wheelbarrow myself and hurried it up the hill on Hill Street. As it was I was just in time, and a moment more would have put me in
Griffin for twenty four hours longer. Anthem in Atlanta I lingered around the hotel until I thought that your brother's family had been aroused, and I went over to catch the head of the establishment in brickville. I say head, I will not say heads, this is impossible the other head was in no better plight to receive company as she didn't come in for some time after I had arrived.
Yesterday was spent on the train: no incident of importance to relate occurred, and I felt thankful when I reached destination to know that though I had left the dearest creature on earth to me that I had arrived where so many welcomed me. Montgomery is hot and dull. Many are buoyant with hope that the incoming crop will realize much money, and restore with a huge herity brought back.
Happiness and independence. The Governor has appointed the officers of the City Government. Over half of the police—men are negroes, but they are enjoined to arrest their colored, and not to interfere with the whites. Everything will go on without much diff-
ficulty.
If you were only here I would feel much better satisfied as things stand, and thinking of you all the time.

Mr. Born was called away on business, but it made it ours for him and it was not of so much importance after all. He was right as I had requested if certain things occurred to telegraph me and I would return. A careful reading of the letter would have convinced him.
that I could have spent my leave uninterrupted at home. However, as I failed to get a furlough from the
gold superintendent, I had no right to stay away any longer.

Love to mother, both hosts, dear

and Julia's family.

Write at once to your office

Eugene