

Wayne Sp. Dec. 2. 1836.

Dear Wife,

Well, here I am, at Mr. Taylors, enjoying as good & as welcome hospitality, as man ever need ask for. I reached here about 8 o'clock last evening, after a hard days work. The roads are as bad as mortal ever saw. No road about Denmark at the present time, can afford any analog to the generality of the roads after I got into Danville. From here to the City, I expect to find them still worse, if that be possible. I find it about 40 miles from here to the City, too far to think of going through in one day, with such roads. I did hope to go a part of the way today, but the storm is so hard, I do not think it prudent or duty to venture out. The wind over these large prairies is very severe, & the sleet cuts like a knife. My eyes suffered somewhat from yesterday's ride. I got some wet, but not very much. Rain commenced in earnest soon

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I do not think I was ever more gladly wel-
comed. Mr. Loble hoped I would be called up be-
fore morning. In fact expected I should be. All
safe yet. Sophronia has got one of the finest
husbands Thomas that can be found. I should make
as good a wife. They have a house like Janis
all furnished except the two back chambers.
I had as fine a cat dinner at Dr. Wilson's
as could be asked for. The Dr. is much better
situated than Derputia. but they have been
a good deal sick this fall.

I think of things at home, as the storm pelted
against the window. At this moment it is increas-
ing & is terrific. I hardly know the like. rain &
hail & wind, all in my face if I should start.

I feel most for the young cattle I hope they
are let into the barn & tied by the neck or
hooves.

Evening. Well I am still here, - one of the
most stormy days I am comfortable. I remember
ever to have seen. The wind had gone down a good
deal. It is snowing some. If it is decent in the

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I shall start as far as I can. It is about 40 miles
to the city, too far to go through tomorrow, as this
travelling is.

I hope the little anal good. Hibbard must be
a good boy. I do all the things, as well as he can.
I cannot tell when I shall be at home - prob-
ably not till about the last of next week.

I do not feel like writing tonight, am going
to bed early. I try to get an early start in the
morning, if possible. Good night.

Wed noon, 3 miles north of
Crawfordville, on my way
to the city.