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My Dear Sir.

I have been intending for several days past to write to you. But as I expected Dad back on Saturday, thought I would wait until his return, he did not come however and I have been fearful that May or yourself were sick. I trust that it may not be so.

I thank you for your kind and heartfelt sympathy for me, in my late heavy and severe affliction. I know you felt for me. I know you loved my noble boy. It had been hard it is for me to realize, that my bright beautiful boy has passed away forever. But it was Gods will to take him, and I am resigned to his will. I have prayed my Dear father for fortitude and resignation to bear the blow without a murmur, and I feel that he was taken for some wise purpose, and that he has only gone a little while before me. God grant that I may see him, that when it pleases my Heavenly Father to call me from this world of sorrow, I may be prepared to join the land we have seen you before me, and are now singing praises to God in that sweet Home, where there is no more parting, no more sorrow. I was very sorry about you hearing through May and yourself that you had again been sick, but was much relieved to hear that you are about again. I was

ansuers for Beal to visit you, and persuade
you if possible to return home, I think you
would be so much more comfortable there
than you are in our new Springfield. you
could always get away before the Indians could
get there. Mr. Prudden has returned, has been
in search of a place for us. He got a place
in Freestone br. about 100 miles south east of
this place. nearer the interior the place he got
is 12 miles from Fairfield and 4 miles from
a little place called Sutton br. which will be
our Post Office. Mr. Prudden says it is a
healthy location, good water upon it, and he
can get land enough around the place for
our Brethrens and my farms to cultivate. pay
me money, but gives you one third of what we
make rent. the place is within ten miles of
our Hermits, of the house of Hermit Station
& br. Mr. Hermit who lives on the his rented
place with his family, advised Mr. Prudden
to close the bargain. as places were in
great demand, and were difficult to obtain
in desirable locations. Mr. Prudden is writing
now to Mr. Williams. as soon as he has a
communication with him, he will start for
the prairie move the hands immediately, and
go to putting up more cabins, and our houses
it has some six or seven cabins with, and
a small dwelling house. they will add to the
hands and put up a sufficient number

of cabins. the place has plenty of wood, & is.
Mr Praetorius has been awaiting you to see
him, I thought he would certainly ~~be~~ ^{be} here
here on the stage to day but he did not
come, Mr Praetorius is anxious to start to the
prairie, I told him to wait until ~~Friday~~
Thursday evening, if he does not come, on
Thursday he will leave on Friday morning.
Mr Wrightman returned to day, says he
saw him in Shreveport on Saturday. he
received your letter. he says he had
already shown the examining officers the his
certificate, from the secretary of senate. they
did not question his being a senator in the
Legislation, but they contended they had a
right to draft a member of the Legislature.
he says he will write to you by the next
mail. the mail is about closing. I received
a letter from you to day, dated Sept 12th.
all were well, also one from Mary by the
day's mail. I am glad to hear that you are
well again.

hoping to hear from you soon
I remain yours most truly
A. H. H.