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Waco June 11, 1865

Mr. C. C. Avery
D. C.

Since your departure, the enclosed letter has come to hand
the whole I trust will reach you at home. I do long to be released
from all fears for the safety of the family.

Our town is yet under excitement, plundering has not yet ceased
we look for a federal force in a day or two.

My especial regards to all whom I shall not soon
forget. We may not meet again & it is to be hoped under happier
auspices that help for a country, & an admirable country woman
for the men have so acted (with of course exceptions) as to make me wish
that I was the owner of an island, near one, to which I could ^{retire} withdraw.

You have a noble man for a son-in-law. I have read his address
should ^{be} necessitated, and a subscription among his friends be necessary
to subscribe & pay for me. ~~it is~~ not in my name, but as an old Texan
and inform our old mutual friend "Lee", who will pay for, or I
can deposit it in any bank you may name in New Orleans.

Inform pressure of business engagements prevents my now
giving you my views of our present status.

Inform Mr. Lewis, that since your departure, I have received
\$50 - hire for the month of May. I have paid the boys \$4/00
\$2 leaving \$48.00 subject to his order. By the Sea

I sent Mr. Nelson his acct & also see I have nothing to add
My present place of business is over to B. A. Shepherd's - a very
convenient office & large warehouse room.

I feel the necessity more than ever, of devoting my remaining
energy to the prosecution of business and am happy to say
that now that I have openly renewed it. It has flowed in
funding for payment already to two additional clerks.
In mentioning this, I do not believe that you have an interest
in my welfare. If the authorities will allow, you
may perchance have the schooner "Edward Peffer" with you
for a cargo of salt. and may be your humble servant
be a passenger on board.

I shall never forget the kindness, may the heartfelt
sympathy of your noble wife, during the illness & death of my
sweet babe, nor of the other immediate members of the family.
Remember me affectionately to all - not omitting Mrs. M. & others.

This was intended at the onset for a brief note, but I
have lengthened it out, not I trust to that degree, as to trouble
you in reading -

Yours truly

I Remain as ever
Your friend
C. S. Longaker

I look for a line from you
on your arrival at home

June 15.

Since writing the foregoing, several days have passed, & until Mr. Price presented himself, no opportunity has presented itself to forward your letter. I therefore entreat of the ladies, particularly, not to think I am ungrateful, now that absence has lessened my regard & esteem.

Various have been the rumors relative to your party, causing no little uneasiness to your friends, but since hearing that you had left Newbluff, all ought to be allayed. We hope ere long to hear of the safe arrival of the family, & when leisure & convenience permit, a line from you, my esteemed friend, will be very acceptable. As usual I write in haste, trust you will be able to decipher this.

Mr. Longcope joins in affectionate regards to all the family, & should I have fortune to determine, I expect that my invitation will be accepted by one & all.

My kindest regards to Mr. McIlhenney, & should Mr. Lee be with you,

tell him I wrote to him, directed to New Orleans.

Compliments to Mr. Nelson & Lewis.

Yours as ever
to S Longcope

June 18/65