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[letter addressed "Mrs Ann Green Washington Mason Cty Ky mail}"; postmarked "PHILA'D Pa.
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My Dear wife:

How sincerely [sincerely] do I wish you were here to cheer me with your smiles after the labors of the day, and during the day to aid me by your taste in my selections of fancy goods, for well do I know your selections would be much better than mine. Until married my selfe [myself] I never realized the impatience and discomfort complained of by those who had left at home a wife upon whom they doted; but like them I can now regret the stearn necefsity [necessity] that seperates [separates] us, and believe me our seperation shall not continue one moment longer than my businefs [business] requires that it should. But lest you should think from my complainings that I have the Blues suppose we chance the subject. So How did you flourish [flourish] at the circus? Did you have as many beaus as you threatened me with? at all events I sincerely [sincerely] wish you may have spent a pleasant evening and I hope you will spend som [some] time with Achsah [sic] as I know that would add to her pleasure and hope it would also be agreeable to you.

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Ann dont [don't] laugh at what follows, for you know I have always acknowledged my selfe [myself] superstitious as regards [regards?] dreams, and as I dreamed at Wheeling that you were sick, Since that night I have not been able to get that notion out of my head, if it be true that you are sick, recollect the promise you made me to send to Maysville [Kentucky] for Dr Nelson, I beg and entreat you not to fail to do this. How anxiousley [anxiously] do I look forward to the reciept [receipt] of your promised letter and how cheering will be its contents if contains the glad tiding all are well. I have got your cloak, Bonnet and shoes all under way and hope they may please

you, for I spared no pains in selecting, I have not yet determined what to bring for your drefs
[dress] not having seen any thing that I think strikingly beautiful, nor have I had time to see about
your bed stead yet, but when I receive your letter I will write you again and hope by then to be
able to say about what time I shall be able to leave for home. Should Mr Wood beat me home
dont [don't] believe

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that his return has been hastened by a more ardent disire [desire] to be at home than I feel, for did
I not believe our seperation [separation] to be for our interest I would not remain an other day.
Oh that I could know that you are wel [well] to night [tonight]. Mr Wood is well and requests
me to say he is content

Your faithful and
truly devoted husband
John Green