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[letter addressed to "Mrs Ann Green Washington Mason Cty Ky"; postmarked "MAYSVILLE KY FEB 26"]

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My Dear Wife:

All that the poets sung and the novelists wrote about the charms of and endearments of home, were regarded [regarded] by me as only beautiful declamation, until I wooed and won, her who "is the Ocean to the river of my thoughts", Since then how truthfully can I enclaim [explain?] there is no place like home. The amusements of the city which formerly had charms for me, have lost their attractions, and after the labour of the day, I retire to my room and reciev [receive] with heart felt rapture to the days spent since our marriage; and with what delight do I contemplate our future if health and prosperity should be our lot. How slowly have passed the hours since I left you, and it gives me the Blues to think I am doomed to stay here ten or twelve days longer, but your promised letters will greatly relieve my anxiety, especially if they bring the heart cheering inteligence [intelligence] that your health has improved. I only arrived here yesterday and consequently cant [can't] tell you any thing about the style of goods, some of the western men saying they are pretty others they are not. Ann if you were with me and in good health, how how differently would pass my time, but as fate has decreed it otherwise I must summon philosophly [philosophy] to my aid and bear our separation [separation] as well as I can, and believe me my return shall not be delayed one hour longer than is [necefsary] necessary to complete my businefs [business]. This day you are doubtess [doubtless] enjoying your self, as tis sunday, the day you have Mrs Wood Woody & Tillo. and how I would like to drop in and raise a row with Woody, and take a tilt with Aunt Ann, even if I got the worst of it, as you know generally happens. I am well and hope this will find you enjoying better healt [health] than when I left be sure to write as often as you promised. If you have any country Molasses save one mefs [mess]. for

Your faithful and

Devoted Husband

J. [John] Green