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Dear Husband,

I have not rec^d a letter from you for ~~near~~ more than a fortnight. I received a paper last week from somebody. One of those little dirty abolition "Free South's"

I can truly say it is one of the most disgusting papers I ever read

In one piece, they seem to think it necessary to use some discipline over the dear little negroes, but don't propose anything harder than a fond mother would use over a pet child

In order to do their duty to the negroes they have got to crucify their love for them as a fond parent does for their child. I reckon my love ^{^for them} is already crucified, isn't yours?

But as much as I dislike them they are far preferable to an abolitionist

We are having a real snow storm here at present It commenced yesterday about noon and has snowed all the time I believe since. There is more snow on the ground than there has been at any time before this Winter. I wish it would clear off for there may be a letter at "the office" for me now if I could only send for it. I had one from Maria Pett last Friday. It is the first time I have heard from her since Richard died. She writes that they are doing something about getting his remains brought home.

Town meeting is coming around again

We see the usual signs of it around here. M.H. Johnson visits Copp and Emerson quite often and even Buck and Moulton have visited Emerson, in the evening of course. Mr E. has had speeches and a beautiful bound book sent from Washington, which the poor deluded fool thinks is "quite a present". The republican's expect a close [rub*] I conclude by these signs but I have not the least hopes of the democrats carrying the State as they have two candidates. I should rather see them beat than see them trying such mean ways as ~~this~~ ^{^the republicans do} to get voters. And we shall not be likely to see it unless Dr E. has something to do about it. He tried to be another "Ben Butler" last Fall when he was here but the republican's wouldn't accept of him and so he has come back to his old party and will be likely to do something to disgrace it. Father met him at caucus the other night and he sent word to me, that he "had nothing against me and would come and doctor me or the children if we were sick just as soon as he ever would". I shan't take pains to send any word to him, but if ~~he~~ I ever see him and ~~he~~ says any thing of that sort to me, I shall tell him I have much against him and ask no favors of him any more than any stranger would ask

And now my precious darling I havn't said one word about how much I love you when I have been thinking of you every minute to-day

If it hadn't been for our precious babies I should have been very lonsome to-day

I have dreamed of you ~~of~~ being at home very often of late. Eastman intimated to father that you might have come home with him if you would. I suppose that was the privacy he wished to have with you. But good night at present. I will write more before I close Yours as ever Emmy

Monday eve.

Well darling,

I will try and finish this to send to the office in the morning by father when he goes to Town Meeting

I felt just as though I wanted to talk with you all day to-day. And as the...
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