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Gen. Sam Houston
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My ever dear husband

Yours by Mr Hollinan, was handed to me, on monday morning, with the accompanying articles, I felt some concern at your disappointment in going to Galveston in one time, but alas my grief on parting with you, was so great, that I had scarcely sufficient left for minor troubles, Ola Mr Hollinan left here for Galveston a few days after yourself, and at the time of his departure my heart was in such a situation, as to throw the whole family into consternation. I fear he may have given you some concern, and if so, I regret it sincerely, as our pars prona prounciep. I told him to tell you, that if it proved serious, I would by bot, Williamson's remedy, and in case of failure, would proceed

[illegible] My reason for telling you any thing about it, was that I apprehended there was no time to be lost in awaiting a letter from you on the subject and I did not wish you to be surprised by hearing that I was in Memphis, Sister Katharine had agreed to accompany me, and the children were both to be left with Mother, but the Lord has been exceedingly merciful unto me, and my heart is now nearly well.

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I had it [illegible] on the day that Mr Hollinan left
[illegible] and it has been discharging ever since that time.
[illegible] is now much small, and I think it
[illegible] entirely. My cough has also
ceased to trouble me, and I have great hopes, that
the Lord will restore me to health. Our dear
children enjoy fine health. Jane is quite as loquacious
as ever. Lady grows more beautiful every day, but no
one has succeeded yet, in drawing from her, those sweet
words, with the entertainment "dear papa."
I wrote to Isabella on last sabbath by Mr Ben. Ellis,
who expected to leave for Gen. Travis on the next day.
He said it was possible that he might call on Rowena
but if he could not do so, he would send my
letter. I urged Isabella to come down with her
father and if she comes we will all unite in trying
to make her [illegible]

Oh my Son, when I think of the cloud under
which you left me, it wrings my heart with an
trouble that I could recall every word & time that
has ever given you the least anxiety. God is my
witness, that there is no sacrifice & more price, that
I would not make, to reinstate in your good opinion those
whom you once loved, and more than every thing &
that opinion. Time is passing rapidly, and we shall
all stand ere long, at the judgement seat of Christ,
and receive every man according to his deeds." If I
have not exercised enough of that spirit which forms the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I have
[illegible] will forgive me, and help me hereafter to
make his blessed precepts my constant rule of action.

Bro. V. and sister Kate are making a farewell
visit to the Gen.'s family, as they are about to leave
for their new home. If they were here, I know
they would send a great deal of love to you.
I mentioned to you dearest, that I would like to receive
your note against mother and bro. V. for money loaned
to them, but I have determined to say nothing about
it.

We hope soon to have Antoinette and Sarah down
with us, and I think it is very probable that mother
and I will return with them. Sister Katherine also
speaks of visiting Egypt during the
[illegible] Sarah sends their love to you. Do write
very often and very long letters. I will write whenever
I can.

Thine devotedly

M. L. Houston