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Sunday Aug 23.

My dear Husband.

It is with heart felt sorrow that I write to tell you the sad news of your sister Eliza's death. She died yesterday about one o'clock. As I have seen no one from Sumnerville I do not know when or where the burial will take place - I have no way of going myself though I would take a sad pleasure in following her to her last resting place.

She was a sister to me and I feel that I have lost the only friend I had in the family - It is a sad bereavement to them and I feel it as much as they - I wish that you could come home now, it would be a comfort to the family and a great happiness to me to see you once more. I could tell you a great many little things you would like to know connected with your sister - Of her last moments I know nothing but suppose she was unconscious - as she could not be aroused when your Pa left on Saturday morning - The aunt the boys came down here and she was dead when they reached there - I don't see why your Pa left when he and was so near but I suppose he could not bear to see her die - and he had done all he could -

Eliza is very low and I don't know when she will be down - I am all alone -

The lameness of the children is all trined now - Per simoncutt

Concord John received your letter - I know it was a
pleasure to your sister to hear from you - she told me
the last time I ever saw her at her own home - that you
had more influence over her than any one else
and that she loved you better - and said at the
same time that she believed you were well suited in
a wife and expressed a great many sentiments
in my favor - Pardon Mr. May
visited her and prayed with her and I hope
she died with hope - I know Pat how
you will feel when you read this and I wish you
might be converted from above - Time alone can
heal the wounds from Heaven - Your favorite
sister is a love to you that you will always
think of with pain and my heart sympathizes
with you.

I received the money (\$20) in the note
enclosed in your Pa's letter - Let something
to make your child if you can and I will
make them for you and will always do
willingly for you anything in my power -
With devoted love I am ever your
Faithful
Wife -