Dearest,

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 śmier of ore and in the same time I sat by the beautiful Sabbath, I am to give you an answer. I hope most earnestly this will find you all well. I prospect as bright a as this morning can. We are enjoying some fine weather at this time. I think the winter is over. I wish that the grapes is growing very fast. The grapes are the finishing high on the Prairie, a good portion of the people are done planting corn. I notice the gardening in town was coming on well. Peas, potatoes, and onions were up three or four inches high. Some of the peach trees are very busy preparing for the next crop. I have been very busy for the last six months. Preparing for a corn crop. I will put out 18 or 20 acres in corn & potatoes.
We expect to plant our crop this week. The gentleman whom has me employed has a large stock of cattle (2000 heads) so I have to tend the farm entirely of myself. Mr. Jones has no other hand but me & he tends entirely to his cattle. After the crop is planted I shall help him gather cattle the crop will need but little work. To get 12½ per month which is not very high wages for 100 but I can afford to take a little cheaper in order to learn something about the Texas mode of raising cattle. I am pretty green in that rearing or tending business. I went out in the Pan to lasso a wild horse & he seemed to think I was doing something not to be done. I showed signs of fight but I pretended to be as brave as Gen. Jackson or Taylor but he was bent on a fight. He came at me with the courage of a Napoleon but stood my ground. I was to not
he gave me his horns with considerable force, but fortunately he only took a piece of my pants. I retired from the field thinking he had won glory enough for one day, you will be surprised to see with what precision men who are up to the business can throw a rope over a cow on horseback. Mr. Young can go in to a pen of a thousand head of cattle, or take a rope 60 feet long & in 2 or 3 minutes, he will not miss 5 times, he can stand fifty feet from a cow flying the rope over her horns as nearly as you can to stand at her head. He three times as quick, the old regular cow drivers go out on the Prairies with ropes the latest kind of wild Bulls they have & saddles with very strong horns made for the purpose. The rope is made fast to the saddle at full tilt & if its not long the rope is fast round his neck on horns as you choose. The horse
Understanding your object to

himself aginst the hope & to the

Animal is not to expect & in a manly exercise but little
dangerous to beginners, I would like to pay more on the subject. I have

space nor time. I hope you will pay Texas a visit before long. I have

an opportunity of seeing some of his queer things. I am not sure for

the present time. My brother son of HE or bald of

Bulashi is an this as at present.

he came out the Northern

For with Mr. Shepherd I learn Mr.

I is located in Dallas, Texas as &

those that were with him, in

the vicinity of above named place.

Mr. John Boyd is also here he lives about Austin from where I reside. You tell me you have sold your Bacon to Mr. Lyns

I imagine you will not have so much trouble getting the pay

as you had with Mr. D—— to

whom we sold a couple of years

back. You also spoke of selling

A. Home Steren I thought you could

soon settle all debts I am glad to hear it.