

Brookfield April 9

Absent friend

I take this opportunity to let you know that I am well and hope that ~~you~~ you are favoured with the same blessing I should be very glad to see you but the love of money will not permit at the present I can say that my affections have not grown less in no degree for you I calculate now to come home next winter and should you not have a more agreeable offer I would renew mine then if ~~true~~ friendship does not create happiness where is happiness to be found so let us be careful and not to make ourselves unhappy for what there is not friendship there is hatred and that is what makes ^{is so many} miserable matches I should like to know how she got along with Parram has she burnt all of the boys shingles up yet's heard that there was a great scarcity of lumber I wish you to write as soon you receive this

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