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Mr William Hayes

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Dear friends I would write to inform you  
that I am well and got to Michael's on the  
morning of the 21st and left there on the 23rd and  
got to Isaac on the 25th afternoon and was pleased  
to find Sam in so feeble a state of health she  
is not long for this world she was pleased to see  
me and to day I have bin to business John & Thomas  
and to morrow I expect to go to Reelers and they  
are all well in this place except Sam  
and I fear she will not live long you  
will try to accomodate the strangers from this  
place as well as you can and tell Mr  
Sherwood if he gets there to be content  
untill I get home and Mr Radcliffon will  
know how to keep the young men from  
getting home sick he can if you wish kill  
one of the Skelley steers and you must not  
be uneasy about me I am very well  
but it looks that it will hard to get away  
from this place but I think that I will  
get home by the time that you will look  
for me but you will not be uneasy till  
I come you will hear from this place and  
see your old neighbours so that you can  
wait till I get home for the news from  
me you must know that I am with you all  
the pleasure that I take in seeing my friends  
but not the grief of parting with them I  
must stop writing to talk with our friends  
my love and friend ship to you hoping  
that the blessing of health and peace  
and hapiness may be with you all, I am at  
brother James to the might I pre name your  
husband William Hayes  
John Hayes

Mr Wilsons friends are well tell him  
not to let Mr Sherwood get uneasy, untill  
I get home and I will ~~assist~~ assist him  
to a place, and I can write no more

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