

Springfield, March 27th 1842

Dear Speed:

Yours of the 10th Inst. was received three or four days since. You know I am sincere, when I tell you, the pleasure its contents gave me was and is inexpendible. As to your farm matter, I have no sympathy with you. I have no farm, nor ever expect to have; and, consequently, have not studied the subject enough to be much interested with it. I can only say that I am glad you are satisfied and pleased with it.

But on that other subject, to me of the most intense interest, whether in joy or sorrow, I never had the power to withhold my sympathy from you. It can not be told, how it now fills me with joy, to hear you say you are "far happier than you ever expected to be". That much I know is enough. I know you too well, to suppose your expectations were not, at least sometimes, extravagant; and if the reality exceeds, them all, I say, enough dear Lord. I am not going beyond the truth, when I tell you, that the short space it took me to read ~~my~~ your last letter, gave me more pleasure, than the total sum of all I have enjoyed since that fatal first of Jan'y '41. Since then, it seems to me, I should have been entirely happy, but for the never-absent idea, that there is one

still unhappy whom I have contributed to make
so. That still kills my soul - I can not but
reproach myself, for ^{even} wishing to be happy while
she is otherwise - She accompanied a large party on
the Rail Road ~~cars~~ cars, to Jacksville last Monday,
and on her return, spoke, so that I heard of
it, of having enjoyed the trip exceedingly - You
be praised for that -

You know with what sleepless vigilance I
have watched you, ever since the commencement of
your affair, and altho' I am now almost confident
it is useless, I can not forbear once more to say that
I think it is even yet possible for your spirits to
flay down and leave you miserable - If they shall
dont fail to remember that they can not long remain
so -

One thing I can tell you which I know you
will be glad to hear, and that is, that I
have seen Sarah, and scrutinized her feelings as
well as I could, and am fully convinced, she
is far happier now, than she has been for
the last fifteen months past -

You will see by the last Sangamo journal
that I made a Temperance speech on the 22^d.
of Feb. which I claim that Fanny and you shall
read as an act of charity to me, for I can
not learn that any body else has read it,
or is likely to - Fortunately, it is not very long.

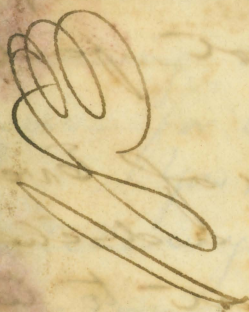
and I shall deem it a sufficient compliance
with my request, if one of you listens while
the other reads it - As to your Lockridge mat-
ter, it is only necessary to say that there has
been no court since you left, and that
the next, commences to-morrow morning, during
which I suppose we can not fail to get
a judgement.

I wish you would learn of Everett what
he will take, one and some discharge for
all troubles we have been at, to take his
business out of our hands, and give it to some-
body else - It is impossible to collect money, and
that a any other claim here now, and altho,
you know I am not a very petulant man, I declare
I am almost out of patience with Everett
and his impatience - It seems like he
writes all the letters, he can himself, he gets
every body else in Louisville and vicinity to
be constantly writing to us about his claim -

I have always said that Mr. Everett was
very clever fella, and I am very sorry he
can not be obliged, but it does seem to me
he ought to know we are interested in collecting
his money, and therefore would do if
we could - I am neither going nor in a hurry
I say we would thank him to transfer his business
to some other, without any compensation for what

we have done, provided he will see the court
ent, paid, for which we are security.

The sweet violet you enclosed, came safely to
hand, but it was so dry, and marshed so flatly
flat that it crumbled to dust at the first attempt to



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hand it - The juice that marked out of it, stained
a part of the letter, which I mean to preserve and
keep for the sake of her who procured it to be
sent. My renewed good wishes to her, in particular
and generally to all such of your relatives as
know me -
Haven Lincoln