

Centerville Feb 17<sup>1897</sup>

Dear Wife

Yours of the 15<sup>th</sup> at hand  
Am very sorry to hear that  
you are sick. I am not very  
well myself have been  
riding pretty steady for  
the last week gathering  
hogs, am on the road  
to Fresno with a Band  
now to send below we  
only got 82 head have  
a few more Pork hogs  
which we could not  
find I am going to try  
and engage them to

Chinaman in Fresno  
if possible so that I  
can dispose of them before  
I come home our  
grain is looking well  
at present but it  
cant stand it much  
longer without rain  
I thought I would run  
off all the fat hogs we  
have so as to give  
the old sows and  
pigs a chance  
I cant tell when  
I will be home  
but will come  
as soon as possible

Yours truly  
Benj W. Tracy