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Dear Wife

I should have answered your letter before but the only pen we had in the house got broke so I had to wait until I came here. my health is about as usual. I am working every day on the ranch had not bought any hogs for Brown yet I want to complete a certain amount of work and come home I am afraid if I dont do ~~to~~ it it wont be done at all I got a letter from Bludsoe stating the

he had left that  
money which he owes me  
with Owens & Moore. if you  
want any money to purchase  
present the Note and  
they will pay it. I have  
rented my land again  
to Bludsoe for the same  
as last year. I think we  
will get through our work  
so I can come home in  
two or three weeks

Good buy for this  
time

Benj Waiters

Send word to J. Mallard  
that you want two cords  
of wood



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