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Kerrick May 6 1864

Dear Sir,

I have your favor of 3rd inst

The irregularity of boats is the cause of your not hearing from him lately. The "L" passed up through the cut off. The Mayata had freight on board for us which she failed to deliver at this place as expected. The health of the people is about as usual. And as to the stock I have heard of the death of one mule since I last wrote you. Very much of the stock is in a lean condition. They have been fed on young cottonwood branches, Caud & mops, with a limited quantity of corn, oats & hay. We shall have to keep the stock in pens until the fences can be rebuilt. The planting is going on as fast as the water leaves.

Parties from the other side of the river are still hunting anxiously for laborers. Said to be much more land than labor on the Perkins place. And parties in the neighborhood of Ashwood seem much in want. I think we shall have enough left to make something yet.

Yours old sb

Bury

Man for E. Davis
Vicksburg Miss.