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Letter, A. B. Parks to Augusta Rice, April 17, 1864

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Blue has repaired ship off 17th & this dear mother in law
again & he is full of hope that you brought your wife home to
Thee things not getting any better from me of course you
the first of got & gave you a full history of what had been
in thought you had got hit tel of got pieces of the 29 of March of
in trying to find out if the case was running & was full of
some time & the 13 of month to Knappsville & had 2 bushels of butter
100 lbs & 1/2 bushels of corn he would ship them & promised me that he
would ship some meat & ribs & if we could send them or I am going
to due to narrow & intended to write then & let you see what parts
of same by the office & Mr. Miley had sent your letter to my wife &
before with some them I got yours of the 11 of March here at this
in fore but I thought you had got my letter I think that I
was prompt to write when we kept up correspondence & will
do so yet if send you the 19 turkeys & 14 ducks the box of
eggs 30 lbs 6 bushels of cracked corn & bushels of peas & bag of
wheat & bag of meal I tried & could not get the sections
of oil so send you a box of feet & sausage & cory of butter
in regards to the wheat & my hit I will make well the
hit was kind of a mistake by the cold weather of our
planting corn except some I have to plant over & am
wondering to plant the cotton of horse plan tel 9/11/18
on potato hills the mules we got for sters or cows
is not able to do the work that the others could but
they will be good when they get time to rest and mend up
they are young and are mending some the they have to
under the shade we got 4 mules & a horse & they 6 of
our mules they stole 2 of the mules out of the woods
of least & deep strike several from the plow the mules still
they left was to give me time to recover the rest of and the
good ones that they left I was afraid to look at the day
left we have heard of the horses since they left but is sup
posed that the cow mule that they belong to will be up worth
of us & if we hear they are then we will some of us go to get
pay for them in regards to the blue hares they all seem
to be for sewing & were they they could I told them that
if they yankers came that I should put them out of the way
& that they had better keep out of their way for they is not
much about such to exchange & give a good miste as for
a cruel master they all seem to think the same
way whether they wood or not I dont tel

The garden is full like ever thing in the hill is planted
out a good deal of hit the winter & part of hit is looks well the first
plants were killed as we will have set out during cold
such before now if will plant the Chinese chrysanthemum
can't we can be in fact to increase if too are about the garden
is receding I have had a good smart chance of sickness
this spring here tho no bad case but one was where
the horse named "D" Steadman thought his case was
tho he is well enough old Steadman has been sick some time
tho not dangerous when is about well again the bath
is good at this time except very good skin's better
so as to be up the health is about the same at the
low place & getting along very well with the
purpose of washing to send up sum such as we have
not sacks left enough to take our corn to the mill as
you had sum there before they were not enough to send
all that you wanted that was fit to send the sheep
are doing well there are a pretty number over here or
in fine for so far as being in good order but they
are doing with colic or sum other disease I have heard
of very thing that I could hear of that was said to be
gone hit is a common thing there the country here
with few exceptions hit has not got to the low place
we have not best money big ones but a few small
ones one of the farmers has sent us a few large ones of an
trying a remedy enough that I heard of but do not
know hit will do Mrs Perrin is dead & her
some time has been he done Mrs Cornish has of them
in regard to the weaving but is getting along about
as common when I return to you before
I have heard you speak of stockings & says she sends the
body & sit in the egg case

You will please excuse my last writing for my pen
was so bad that I had to have some to have hit

Yours with due respect

J. B. Purcell

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