

Ammu. and sincerely hope it will turn out for the  
general good, My best respects to ~~the~~ Mrs Harris  
Mrs Briscoe and Mrs Brinsford, I will conclude, wish-  
ing the infinitely merciful and protective hand of God  
may guide you in all your actions, and award you  
health and ~~prosperity~~ prosperity in this world and  
eternal happiness in the next, Maria Cof.  
I present my best respects to Mr Lynch,  
and again, remember me particularly to Grany.

Dear Len I rec'd your letter of the 14th and will write  
you this week. Many things - we are all  
tied up ~~at present~~ at present but I expect turn a wheel or  
two Mr Sherman arrives, we shall then know  
how to shape our future affairs - have  
no power for ~~the~~ ~~present~~ ~~to~~ go power can make  
me from ~~here~~ without a fair remuneration  
for all improvements and we have no desire  
to please those who would derive our  
obscure; I feel sure you are not pleased  
in Lexas nor do I believe Bel desires to live  
there unless Mr Sherman succeeds beyond  
expectation I have lived long enough to  
know that a bird in the hand is worth two in  
the bush and we have the house if nothing  
else I will write you and Bel this week  
and tell you all things; kiss the children for  
me and tel Bel to cheer up day is breaking  
give her my kindest love also the children and  
friends Old Grany; tell her I will bring her a  
game chicken each to wake her up - you will  
have Caroline and Mr Morgan at Christmas they  
will tell you all the news write often - J. Coy

Mrs M Coy  
Franklin County Ky Dec 12<sup>th</sup> /47.

Dear Len, Subjoined is a letter from Ma, which I  
copy from the slate by her request, I will say but a  
few words for myself, I wrote you a long letter the 9<sup>th</sup> inst.  
nothing yet from Mr Sherman, we have just read the  
President's message, which is I think a master piece of  
truth and statesmanship, I coincide with the views of  
the administration, Mr Cley's speech to the contrary, notwith-  
standing, but enough of politics, all accept my love and  
be patient till we come. Cordials.

My Dear Len, As this is Sunday, and always a leisure as  
well as lazy day, I have determined to devote it to you  
comfort as well as my own, although it has been but a few  
weeks since I wrote you and Bel a long letter, which how-  
ever I believe you have not received. I desire to excuse  
any one for its delay, but I very much suspect John  
Matingly has not done his duty, as I gave it to him to  
put in the office, perhaps it is best you have not rec'd  
it, as it contained many soft and tender things, which might  
have induced you to fly right off for home, when it was  
better for you to remain where you were, for it is right we  
should provide for future as well as the present, you know  
that is my maxim, I am sorry to hear of your having so many  
relapses, I fear you are imprudent in eating & exposing

From another copy from Mrs M's not rec'd by the post  
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