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Pittsburgh Augh 12 to 52 Dear Folks at home. I wrote to you gesterday Ordens. day a mek from Charland This and I am apaid you did not no ceins my letter on that consetting is not rightly understood, At this point I am Compelled to write my letter with a lead peneil. In town is full of per Rvilers u attendance at the Convention and they take up everything at this hotel the Monting when la house) Die ravious Committes kan possession of the meeding room glarge parlours Ro that I is impossible to with a letter after the right still to say the from Cleveland & Figurities to shad the \$15. or \$20 Dollars to This place (Petteburgh as soon as possible. I enquired at the there for me, I thought I should have rached This place last Saturday, hit has des appointed in the following man ner. When in came to cleared and, we had not sufficient funds to carry all three to Pittstingh. IN E Concluded to remains there 450 Follars to Pittetingh & how it carles, Ro that we

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Dear folks at home,

I wrote to you yesterday (Wednesday) a week from Cleveland Ohio, and I am afraid you did not receive my letter or that something is not rightly understood. At this point I am compelled to write my letter with a lead pencil. The town is full of free soilers in attendance at the convention and they take up everything at this hotel (the Monongahela house) Their various committees have possession of the reading room and large parlour so that it is impossible to write a letter after the night [suite?] – to say the least I cannot get pen and ink to write this letter in my roomS. In my letter from Cleveland I requested you to send \$15 or \$20 dollars to this place (Pittsburgh) as soon as possible. I inquired at the Post office this morning and there is nothing there for me. I thought I should have reached this place last Saturday, but was disappointed in the following manner. When we came to Cleveland, we had not sufficient funds to carry all them to Pittsburgh. We concluded to remain there a day or two and send on A.P. Clark's draft for \$50 dollars to Pittsburgh and have it cashed, so that we

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could come on here immediately. Underwood had also written on here for some funds. By pursuing this plan, I thought we should have had been here by Monday at the farthest. In place however of receiving this money or any intelligence of it we heard nothing until last Tuesday, at an hour when it was too late to leave Cleveland so as to get here the same day. The necessary information had been sent by telegraph but we did not receive it until up to that time. By this mishap we were detained in Cleveland one week, but I do not much regret it. I think the air there is the purest and freshest I ever breathed. I felt it so at any rate. I don't think I ever ate heartier in my life. The streets are so wide and clean of filth – the city stands up on a high bank and except in the business part of it, the houses stand on separate lots some distance apart with gardens and little yards in front. It is cool and pleasant all the day long. We left the place yesterday morning and arrived here about half past 5 o'clock P.M. I have heard many accounts of Pittsburgh, but had no idea of the dirt, filth and stench. Our hotel has probably the best situation in place - right upon the bank of the Monongahela river and somewhat removed from the business part of the town - yet as I am writing this letter in my room with the window raised it seems

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as though I was in a blacksmith shop. It does smell awful. Many of the streets are like our alleys, just about as wide and lined on both sides with three and four strong houses. The houses look as though they were <u>black-washed</u>. I am not anxious to stay here long.

I wish however to call you attention to the fact that I did not receive your letter and cannot account for it. I requested you to write even if you did not send the funds, which I expected you would and I am disappointed in not receiving the letter. I am now indebted to Clark, and have no money, so that it is rather hard to tell how I shall get home. You may not

have received my letter, or may not have fully understood it, or the letter may not have arrived here at this date. If you have sent the letter and funds I wish you would let me know by telegraph if possible.

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