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Wednesday Evening of 1st April

I have been unhappy all this day, principally because the weather has turned out so bad, it is very way disagreeable, but particularly so on Nanays account, I wish, it may not occasion a change in the course of the ague fits, if a fit should be brought on to day it will not be likely to terminate so favorably.

I dined at Mr. Buckley's - when I came in and found, none of our little noisy folks, all dismal & felt in the manner I attempted to describe to you two days ago, something heaving & rising up, which you so easily call - Hy - he ricks - I think I shall not in future be disturbed at the noise of my dear little prattlers - nor restrain them, in any innocent amusements - I will not add at present, but a hope, that you have about this time reached comfortable quarters, now near dark.

Friday morning 11th I received a note from Calin^a du last night which gives me reason to expect Tury here this afternoon - this will puzzle me, about, whether to send every thing with him & break up house, or to keep a Bed & few things til Donaldson comes - this is

my own inclination, as I live much more conveniently
than in any lodging - but accident might prevent
Donaldsons coming, this would be a disappointment, but
I believe I will risk it - I can give John load money
& also have one for the other, including Mr^s Duncans
things - you have been unlucky indeed in weather
this however, has the appearance of being dry but cold, and
you will probably have it still better, as you get nearer
home - you were not gone half a mile, till in
came Miss Jones's little Milliner girl, bobbing, with
a large bundle, folded in paper loosely & holding
it, between her, fore finger & thumb, as if it would not
bear to be gripped with a whole hand - I did not examine
the contents, but paid the bill - I know not what to do
with it, it looks so flimsy, as not to bear packing any
where - Wish the Waggoner did not call for
the 6 chairs - I shall be at a loss what to do with them
• all - inclosed you have Mr. Jones's bill, the whole
account, for your sister, is now upward of 25 - when the
Dish is paid for, it will amount to upwards of 34 - so
if you want money you may at least draw on her for
Eighty Dollars -

Saturday morning 12th

This is a fine morning, if you are all well you will have a pleasant passage over the river, and to dance on the green bank at home - it is now near eight o'clock I take for granted you are about stepping into the Ferry Boat - I have not heard any thing of you since your departure, I was twice at the Stage house and sent Tom twice - but could not meet the Stage Man, who must have met you the day you left town -

Yours most affly;
Wm. Irvine

N.B. I have sent you the whole amount of your sisters bills, that if you do want to draw you may as well get it all at once - If Mr. Lury should not arrive this morning I shall begin to think he turned back when he met the other Wagon

Wm. Irvine

April the 14 3 bushels
Mr Hoop's Corn by Taylor
17 ~~April~~ Mr Hoop's Corn 2 1/2

April the 10 2 bushels Mr Hoop's
April 17 2 bushels of Corn Mr Hoop's
April 17 2 bushels of Mr Hoop's
April 17 Cash & Vodka 2 Dollars
April 17 Mr Hoop's Corn 2 bushels
April 20 Mr Hoop's Corn 2 bushels
April 28 Mr Hoop's Corn 3 bushels
April 31 Mr Hoop's Corn 3 bushels
April Cash Mr Hoop's 3 Dollars

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