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Wharfedale, near Lancaster
8 May 1862.

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Yours very respectfully

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Thomas A. Goodman Esq

Wheatland, near Lancaster
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