

Rockey Comfort March 24th 1849

My Very Dear Josephine,

I received yours of 16th and was truly glad to see one more letter from you hope I shall get another on Saturday night you must write one a week at least & as much often as you please. I wish I could see you [illegible – torn crease] Collette keeping house, dear little fellow how glad I would be to see him. I was a little sick on yesterday. I lay down & dropt[sic] to sleep I thought Duck[?] slipt[sic] in & laid him on my breast I felt his soft sweet face so plain it woke me up. I looked round around & felt like he surely was not far off but could not see him. Josephine I cannot let you stay much longer. The weather is beautiful now. If it will only stay so the roads will soon get good. Every thing looks like the middle of April. I have never seen the yard look so pretty & today is warm enough for summer. I have peas, mustard, lettuce & onions & some cabbage ??? but I fear the full moon in April. Mrs. A. Williams was here the other day says tell you she wants to see more than any one she knows, unless it is Mariah. Lou & Mirah Conley was here. They told me to give you a great deal of love. All the neighbors when they come say they miss you so much they don't like to come. They worry me wanting to know when you are coming home. I tell them some time this summer. Lydia & Virgil went from here on Monday all well our love to Elisha tell him the girls return his complements. Willis & Althea left here on Monday on their way to Clayton her health is a little better. The little babe is a nice pretty little thing. Althea said she was hunting for you all the time. Aunt Salley's hand is but very little better can't use it at all. Cousin Mary Tommy Hill has some rheumatism but not as bad as she has bin[sic]. Balance the Connexion[?] are well. Mrs. Dober & Mr. Cook were over the other day house is getting. Milly was here on Sunday said I must tell Berneice[?] she must kiss Camilla for her. Reuben sends his love, says he wants to see you all, but Neice & Camilla more than all. Kiss Camilla for him.

I think Rube is very steady. Stays at home does not drink. I think he is a very good boy has no fuss with anyone. Dely[?] says tell you she has not forgot how to quarrel yet. Says you must make haste & come home. They all say they never did want to see any person in all their lives as bad as they want to you. Sam says please tell miss to come home. She has bin[sic] gone long enough. Nancy says give you 2 bushels of love for her & kiss the Capt[?] a hundred & one times for her Shute[?] says give Miss Joe all my love. It would take 2 or 3 pages to write all they tell me. Here is Kitter[?] bringing up Milly says tell Miss Joe she is the smartest little negro she ever did see. The ??? she talking will try to say anything you tell her. Nancy Adline sends love to Berneice[?]. Sally Liz Hanna Lucy Camilla, Milly says Nice[?] must answer Frances letter. Well I believe I am half done with the darkies although[sic] I have told more than half they have told me. It is late. ??? ??? is better. Think now it will get well look [?], better. Depe & Johnny were very proud of their letters. Jimmy says he will write you a letter as soon as he thinks he can write a little better. They will catch rabbits & rats many many of them. We had a letter from Tommy not long since Vergenia[sic] was much better heard no name for the babe. The girls were up to McContey Monday. Came by ??? ??? ??? all. I am glad you like the Preacher's wife - everybody that has seen our Preacher's wife likes her. I have not seen yet. They say she is a very

pious lady. I like him very much. It is getting so dark I cannot see the lines. The girls have all gone out walking or I would have a hundred things to say for them to you & Jane may have their love. ??? The old gentleman are as kind in their inquiries about you as ever. Much love to A_ T_ & D Mr H & ????. Tell Albert his Habersham granma loves him & will expect to see him this summer. Cally has just come in sends much love says you must kiss Collett for her. Heaven bless you good bye

Your Mother

Your Pa is well of neuralgia.

[Across top of first page] Doct Z [?] sends his kindest love