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M/S UNLISTED IN CHASE &  
CABERN

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Miss Maggie A. Kirk

Belknapville

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FIVE (M/S) U 8 ON F (Corner Frays  
1 BRIDGE STAIN OK)  
W/ EXCELLENT ENCLOSURE  
DESCRIBING PERILS OF  
DEFERMENT, WORTHLESS  
CURRENCY... MENTIONS COMING 5/14  
RE-EVALUATES NEWSPAPERS

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Home April 17<sup>th</sup> 1858

My Dearest

You cant imagine my joy on receiving four letters from my own sweet Maggie. It seems an age they have been on the way. The first mailed on the 25<sup>th</sup> the last on the 31<sup>st</sup> and all reached here this evening, together. our western mails are so sluggish. I have called every mail at the office since my return anticipating some news from you. but have every time until this evening turned away sad and disappointed. But o' the thrill of joy which I felt when that familiar handwriting met my view upon so many letters. Yet that joy was mingled with fear. I almost feared to open them, and was with a trembling hand, and a mind not a little agitated that I did so. The first I read was the one mailed on the 28<sup>th</sup>. You can not imagine the relief it gave me. on one account. Upon another it bore sad tidings of your ill health. I had little expected to receive so sad news. I felt very much alarmed when you first informed me in the city of your condition. But not after you explained the cause or supposed cause to me. I then anticipated your recovery in a very short time, and even now I think you should not allow yourself to become alarmed, with proper care of

