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respected friend i now take this
present opportunity to answer your
letter which i received last thursday
it found me well and when you get this
i hope it will find you well and happy
altho i have ben u up to your house your
mother wanted me to put the carpet down
and so i did she sed fred had a letter from
you and you did not say anny thing
about her always speak ~~of~~ of you &
mother and tell fred to tell ~~that~~ her
your mother wants to hear all she
can from you dont ~~be~~ for get send
your love to her every time you write
to fred she ~~thin~~ thinks you have forget
her mary harries sed give her love
to you so i put it in this rag so it
cant get out or now if it is not in
the rag it has crep e out so dont
be think harde of me for i dun
the best i can

Seth i can not tell where am
is now She was to ant ellines rowlands
last week i went up and mad them
a visit i visit Morris sed tell you
they ~~had~~ had Sixty numbers the 3 of
July what ^{over} do you think of old Jo
hooker now well Seth i think i shod
like to see you on Dress parade but
i woud rather come in the morning then
i woud have time to get home before
dinner if i was a bird i woud soon be
all over this world do not get home
Sick will you you sed you
edont live here but you cant fool
your pap on that why didnt you
say a dear bad girl i hope a i ~~never~~
never shall have that name there
is a man in greenfield that makes
a grand rush for the woods when
he sees a wagon a coming we have
very a warm weather now you have
warm weather & down to you?
hous dont you do you have a plenty

to eat well i cant / ~~then any~~
write any more ~~now~~ now So be
a good boy write soon

From Jane ^{my} Harris to

Seth what ~~do~~ shall i say
i will say Seth Hill

whoot a fool i am

~~Stop~~ dont be mad Seth

you have heard ~~so~~ about love
in the tal havent you well this
is love in a rag good by