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Henia Bourbon County, K.T.  
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Dear Sir I now imbrace  
the present opportunity of dropping you  
a few lines / To let you know that  
we are all as well as common the health of  
the Country is very good at present it is  
unusually cold I see this County at this  
time there is 3 inches of snow on the ground  
but it has not bin down to grow yet  
still the people complains very much  
times is hard in this part of the County  
money scarce the people is holding there I  
pay at \$5.00 but know sails corn  
can be bought at, 40. Per bushel I am selling  
flower at \$5.00 Percent Salt at 4.50 Per sack  
Coffee, 18. Per lb Sugar 7 lbs for a Dollar  
My business is on the gaining hand my Cash  
I book hours from 10 To \$50.00 Per day I have  
the entire Trade of the River Clear to the  
State Line all the Drawback I have  
is inconvenience of sitting goods out for  
sendence by high waters my Capital is  
Low small To say in a heavy amuff  
stock at once if it was large amuff  
To procure my stock while the Roads is good  
it would I pay much better Six Day