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My Dear Wife.

perhaps you will expect to hear from me before this time & dated from St Louis but we did not arrive there untill Saturday afternoon & had to hurry from the railroad to the Steamboat as quick as possible with scarce time to buy an Ace but this however I did do & I & others think a very good one but before I proceed any farther I would just observe that I do not feel any inclination at present to write any thing expressly for newspapers as I have so much to say to you I anticipated your feelings as you left me at the docks Gracious Goodness says you what a scene & what a bet he is with that time but that villain had no right to have sent me down

