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Mr Tho's Eddy & Family
or Friends

a long time since I have ^{it is} heard
directly from any of you.

Should any one have told me
when I left that our Correspondence
would have been cut off & such
a lengthy silence ^{ensued} I should not
thought it possible.

Now it is with you I can
not say — but we have so
many exciting topics & so many
things going on — our minds
so occupied with passing events
that we become so absorbed that
— ~~that~~ the world — with all
its valuables — except so far as
is immediately under our eye
is lost to view for the time
being — we have had our
trials here in the Territory & you
who are so far off do not realize
“~~it~~” what we have passed thro’ — nevertheless