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Description: Letter

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for he is awful wrathy at times
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belonged to her husband also his Quadrant
and a few other things the Quadrant I
shall sell if I can get what I think it is
worth but the watch I shall either send
or take home with me should I be for-
tunate enough to get there
Now Wife you must make yourself just as
comfortable as possible in these war times
I dont think the Southerners will dare to
go down to the State of Maine
I am in hopes to get a letter from you
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Kiss Bertha for me and tell her to
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