

Cyrus Kurtz Holliday to Mary Dillon Holliday

Cyrus K. Holliday, the founder of Topeka, wrote from Topeka, Kansas Territory to his wife, Mary Holliday, in Meadville, Pennsylvania, mentioning difficulties but emphasizing his love for her and his desire that they be reunited soon. He compared the local landscape to the Italian countryside. Uncertain as to the time of his return, he wrote that he must stay to oversee business.

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My Dear Mary -

I just now closed a letter to Ingram and told him to say to you that I could not write to you tonight but would do so soon. Having warmed up a little I have concluded to sit down again and write you but a single line -

I am still living (no stopping) at the place from which I wrote you last. I am enduring almost every thing that it is possible for a man to endure; yet notwithstanding this I enjoy it all well - My health still continues good except for the past few days I have been a little unwell, but nothing serious - This is certainly

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a most delightful country - I doubt whether even sunny and far famed Italy can favorably compare with this - I will try and make arrangements to have you come out in early spring but cannot say definitely.

If it were at all possible I would be glad! Oh, how glad! to have you here now - but such a gladness of course cannot be realized at present - I cannot tell, either tonight, when I will be able to return. Perhaps, as usual I will some of these times start off at a tangent and be at home before you will know it, but you must not be discouraged by this for I may not take such a start for some time to come. I find it necessary to be upon the ground in order to watch out for chances

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And I have some things here
making which I find it neces-
sary to be on hand to see
to - I may know more
in a few days. Some things
will go - In the meantime
keep a good heart for all
will go well, and in due
time, if God please, I will
again be with you -

My great love to you. My
dear Mary, and the desire I
have to provide for us and
ours induces me to endure
the privations I am now
enduring. Let us both hope
that soon the time will come
when we shall be again united
in person, as we now are in heart,
never again to be separated
until that separation that knows of
no union shall part us - Good
night, dear Mary. Love night - Holliday

of course you will write often.