From Henry Van Horn to R.T. Van Horn

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Dear Robert

I observed by your papper yesterday that you had hurt by the cars[.] I hope not seriously[.] such accidents happen too frequently and some of them verry desasterously[.] If youres proves serious I would like to know[.]

I recvd[.] a Kansas dayly from Adella a few days since and ware glad to see you ware able to [taulk?] the [text stricken through] progress youre state is making towards liberty and amansipation [emancipation] is incoriging [encouraging][.] you have the sinceare praise of the men heare[.]

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I feel graitfull for the documents I receive from you[.] John A[.] Stuart has left the Hospital at point comfort and joind his Regement againe[.] the boys from this County is reenlisting rapedly[,] to name them would be useless[.] our six months boy from Westeran Virginia got home a fiew days since[.] I believe the [they] wil mostly go back before spring[.]

I have nothing perticular to comunicate respecting our conection[.] Ware all right exept Tabitha and she had a yong Daughter a few Weeks since[.]

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I forgot one thing[.] Mr. Eliot is dead[.] Was Buried the day before [text stricken through] Christmas[.]

I must quit[.]

This from youre

Afectionate Father