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This has been a pleasant day for the close of the month I have been unwell all day consequently I have been about the house I rode down to C. F. Coopers in the evening in company with T. Weaver he bought Cooper Tobacco at \$8 for Good & Tugs and \$10 for the trash this I call Big Figures for Tobacco But the Present Currency is such that a man may have his pockets full of money and not be able to buy much either another year of war and money of this kind will be as plentiful as rags at a paper mill another year of war a word easily spoken but oh how much horror and suffering it will entail on this unhappy and down trodden Nation yet I fear it will continue even longer than one year and hundreds of thousands of victims yet will yet be required to mark the devastation of this once happy Union in other words to gratify the ambition of the Abolition Party of the North We have hoped for some time back that the change going on in the minds of the people North and West would lead the dominant Party to something wiser than the ruinous course they have been pursuing but it seems that the Administration seems to disregard the voice of the People and pursue its Emancipation Policy although it must be apparent that it is fast dragging this country into a vortex of one common ruin it seems now that Paper Proclamations and Threats are about all the formidable operations of this pusillanimous and corrupt Administration but enough of this for the present I have done but little on the farm this month as I have been shipping and delivering Tobacco nearly all the time the month has been warm and clear and