

Austin 12th Dec 1861

My dear Wife

I recd your letter of the 19th Nov
yesterday yesterday, I am glad that
you are doing so well. I will come
after you as soon as the Legislature
adjourns & sooner if it dont adjourn
soon. I cant stand it much longer
I do hope this winter will put an end
to the war. The yankees cant subdue
it looks like they will soon
end it out. England followed the same
plan & failed. They may overrun us
& destroy our property, but it will cost
more to keep us down, than the whole
north is worth. If there was not a negro
in the south the same antagonism
would exist, & sooner or later we
would shake her off. As long as
we make cotton, whether by slave or free
labor, they will want to steal it
We wont stand it,

I am glad that John has got home
safe & sound & I hope all our friends
will get home safe, but it is impossible
some dear friends will have to be sacrific-
-ficed for the liberty. This is necessary,
that we may appreciate our government
our country our homes. Understand
that the fleet is off Indianola & Port
the mouth of the Rio Grande. We will soon have
a powder mill in operation in San Antonio.
Lots of cotton is going to Mexico.

North Texas is furnishing lots of flour
The troops also beef & hog meat. Wool
has got up to from 20 to 40 cts per pound.

If you had better buy some cotton cards
in Georgia, there are none here - all
out. You have certainly been ^{with your money} very
careful. God bless you, you are worth a world
to me. Take care of your dear self & baby.

Good bye

Your affectionate
Husband,

T. C. Neel