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Executive Mansion,

Washington, August 8, 1863.

My dear Wife.

All as well as usual, and no particular trouble any way. I put the money into the Treasury at five per cent, with the privilege of withdrawing it any time upon thirty day's notice. I suppose you are glad to learn this. Tell dear Tad, poor "Nanny Goat." is lost; and Mrs Cuthbert² & I are in distress about it.

The day you left Nanny was found resting herself, and chewing her little cud, on the middle of Tad's bed. But now she's gone! The gardener kept complaining that she destroyed the flowers, till it was concluded to bring her down to the White House--³ This was done, and the second day she had disappeared, and has not been heard of since-- This is the last we know of poor "Nanny"

The weather continues dry, and excessively warm here.

Nothing very important occurring. The election in Kentucky has gone very strongly right. Old Mr. Wickliffe⁴ got ugly, as you know, ran for Governor, and is terribly beaten-- Upon Mr. Crittendens⁵ death, Brutus Clay, Cassius' brother, was put on the track for Congress, and is largely elected-- Mr. Menzies,⁶ who, as we thought, behaved very badly last session of Congress, is largely beaten in the District opposite Cincinnati, by Green Clay Smith, Cassius Clay's nephew-- But enough.

Affectionately

A. Lincoln

[Endorsed on Envelope by Lincoln:]

Letter about "Nanny goat."

[Note 1 President Lincoln's wife, Mary Todd Lincoln, and sons Robert and Tad were on a visit to the White Mountains in New Hampshire. It is likely that this letter never actually reached Mrs. Lincoln, for it turned up in 1864 in the hands of a soldier in the Army of the Potomac, who returned it to the president. For a full account of these mysterious circumstances, see David R. Bacon to Lincoln, April 25, 1864.]

[Note 2 Mary Ann Cuthbert held the positions of "seamstress" and later "stewardess" in the president's household staff.]

[Note 3 Lincoln was at this time living at the Soldiers' Home, his summer residence three miles north of the capital.]

[Note 4 Charles A. Wickliffe]

[Note 5 John J. Crittenden]

[Note 6 John W. Menzies was a Democratic congressman from Northern Kentucky.]