

Maryetta Ga 7th mo 3rd 1864

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since I wrote to you about receiving a note from
him stating that he was improving. Henry has
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