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Virginia City Nevada Feb 4/73  
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I am very thankful to you for all your kindness and attention in collecting and banking my money and your promptness in forwarding as pr request. please give my kindest regards to Becca & Dolly & Freddy not forgetting yourself & I am very sorry for your draw back by the fire and I trust that you will soon recover from the effects of it.

Feb'y 7<sup>th</sup> I commenced this 3 days ago but did not send on a/c of not receiving the money. I received <sup>^it today</sup> the \$113 (dollars) in American money & the expense chgs was \$4 in gold coin, if you had sent a postal money order it would have cost only c75 & equally as safe. I do not say it to find fault just merely to let you know love to all.

I remain yours most affectionately

Yours J.D. DeWitt

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