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your messenger  
Dear a 1000 men  
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Do you hear -  
I am in paper this  
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Sunday Son  
Wm. Daniel & J. L. Lott

Yours and Theodoros  
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I recd my Letters and Papers Care of E. Frost

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of any one eating a Thanksgiving dinner there all of the time. Arnold and  
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