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Dear little wife:-

I know I have been long in writing but I have been rushed to death signing contracts &c. I am very much discouraged & down in the mouth. My work is perfectly odious to me now.

There was nothing to do in New York except to turn over my rights in Clonidy to Hill Cook & to sell The Cannibal King outright which I did. Two hundred cash & two hundred more on production.

I am glad to get out of it.

I am not very well and really don't see how I am going to exist another month without you. This must sound very foolish but its true. Too discouraged to write.

Love to all, Kisses to your baby.

Your Lonesome Husband.

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