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Ship Island March 4th 1862

My Dear Wife; This Package of money is from Barney Lynch, and is sent to you that you may send for his wife and give it to her yourself.

I suppose he has reasons of his own for having it directed to you instead of to her you will take her receipt for it as you will have to receipt to the Express men for it. Just say received from Mrs J. W. Cahill ⁴⁴ 70,00 it being the amount remitted from Ship Island by Bernard Lynch on such date as you will find on this Package and have her sign it or if she cannot write then put her hand on the pen while you write her name Barney is well and happy: and sends within 50,00 of his Earnings, he left 10,00 with me

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towards his debt of 90,00 which he owes
me on his house but I thought it a pity
to keep it from the poor woman as I know
she is struggling with her little family
and a heavy debt on the house, and I
intend to pay him four on 5,00 a month
for taking care of my horse and as
he has been with me near 6 months I thought
I would let him work it out if possible
at any rate I will not keep any at this
payment he takes care of the Dr's house
since he got him, and that will help
me a little; he has written to her several
times but has got no answer and feels very
bad about it as he fears she is sick; I wish
you would see her and mention him in
your letters as she is a kind of a hermit
I believe the men are sending home a good
deal of their money; Your loving husband
'Kiss the Babes as usual' W. W. Cahill
for me, and tell Bessy children he is well