
La Plata, Mo February 21, 1864

Dear John

I received your letter in due time and was glad that you had received your deeds. I would have written to you sooner had Luke have not wrote to you. I am satisfied that note on Dock? been charged to him on Pa Will. The people here are scared on account of the expected draft. Lots of them starting to the new gold diggings I think to avoid the draft - what would you advise me to do, stand or run. We have had a pretty spell of weather for six weeks all our peach trees killed by the cold. I sold my tobacco at \$10 per cwt lbs in the barn had 1447 on one acre everything high in the shape of food stock high.

I see in my last paper that Lincoln is going to issue an universal proclamation tomorrow of freedom to all even Kentucky the (?) Pet. How do you think she will stand it? I fear it will cause trouble there in many ways. God forbid that she should have to undergo what Missouri has. Dock's wife is sick not dangerous my family all well and send love to all. Give me all the news local and politics - your affectionate brother

Louis Gex

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