
January 11, 1866

Dear Brother

I received your letter a few days ago and will answer it. I was opposed to Dock going to Ky. to live. He said you were agoing to help him get at something to make a living. I knew you were more able to help him than I was. I am perfectly willing for him to come back and would be glad for him to come. He could buy a place that anyone could make a good living on for five thousand dollars. If he cannot raise that much, if not let him sell some of his lands to you. He has some fine land left that will soon be valuable so you would not lose anything by so doing. I have been able to help him but am not at present. Will do D [dollars?] well if I get my farm paid for. According to contract I sold 5 thousand worth of land and bought 7 thousand and have horses and everything else to buy that I was robbed of. I had a section of land picked out for us to buy and wrote to him and received no answer from him, only this that he never expected to farm in Mo. [Missouri] anymore. My last two or three not answered at all. I also wrote to Lucian and he is in the dumps or will only write when he thinks it will pay him. He wanted to buy my right in the Home place for a little over thirty dollars an heir at one time. I would not have said a word but let him had it.

My losses have been about 8 thousand dollars besides not making anything for the last four years. I have made a field hand this year and will make something this year 7 or 8 hundred. If I get the money when due me and get my place paid for I think I will commence living pretty easy again. If you can get Dock in the notion to come and buy you had better come with him. I bought in one of the best neighborhoods in the county. He would have no one to rowdy with six or seven miles from town, churches and schools convenient.

You please get my part of Negro hire and send to me as before. You paid the negroes out of my part last year so you can make a divide now equal as this is the last of the nigger. I would suppose that you would find out pretty soon what Pullen is agoing to do. I am very sorry to hear of mama bad health. When you come and see us I would like for her to come with you. I would like to see you all but cannot tell when I will be able to come. I have three children hard to beat. I think they are noticed in all crowds.

You had better talk to Lottee [*their sister Lucille*] and see what she thinks of it. He had better go anywhere else than where her relations are. I think she has sense enough to know it. He is afraid to cut up where I am and may want to avoid being where I am. I did not show your letter to anyone and think you had better burn mine. I could not tell Linda that I had received one from you without her wanting to read it so I said nothing about it. My love to Princy and children. I have written to all of the boys last. Write soon

Your affectionate Brother

Louis Gex

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