
Sunday January 9, 1853

My Dear Son

Your truly acceptable letter of the 29 came to hand on yesterday which gave us great satisfaction to hear from you and to hear you all were well but your hope and inconveniences by the waters [*floods?*] was to us not unexpected we had seen by the Publi [*newspaper*] prints and heard so much of it. I was truly sorry to hear of your losses and together with your Pa's and others but we all feel for our own. I was glad Mr. Craig had nothing on his overflowed [*flooded*] to go off but such as the cleaver of times and things and we must think how many others are more injured and less able to stand it than we. But if I had it in my power I would at all times aid and assist my children under losses. I know it sets back and frustrates your expectations but fear not, you are bound to rise even without a prop. You have good judgment, industry and honor and what, with health, you my son must be more than others. And oh I am so satisfied as regards my dear child, comfort and quiet, that you have, to take care when I shall be no more.

Mr. B [*her husband, Roger's father*] has commenced a New Year with industry and energy far above his ability. He is too old and infirm to attend to his interests. He has hired out our men and hires in one which makes on the farm 7 men. He is no way able to keep up with them. He has hired out Ambrose for 75, Henry and Willis 260 – all the others 148 a piece. Jim (?) Wcoley, Abram and Nelson to Maj. Watten of Lexington. He said I must tell you he still things of visiting you. He desires to go I know, but whether he can, I am unable to say, but if he does not, I shall once a year, go to see our children. Do, I beg of you, write as often as you can spare an hour, it is so gratifying to me.

Adieu my dear child, may you enjoy all this world can
give, and in a better world meet the rewards
of the Faithful is my earnest prayer,
Your affectionate
Mother

My Dear faithful and affectionate daughter

I was so glad to hear from you yesterday. Your father went to Winchester on business and brought out your letters. Collett got up on Monday the 3rd and told me of the condition of the Ohio and I was aware of your situation but I knew that it could not materially injure you. He has gone up for his children and servants and will be down in a few days for Willie and on by the ? for Louisville. He looks tolerable well but seems but to have so much on his mind. Jane's health he says is not good but improving. He will go right to housekeeping when he gets back. My health has been unusually good this winter. I have not had one real sick spell this fall or winter. I rode to Athens horseback Friday and settled all my accounts. Rebecca went with me, I was so tired but not sick. She is well and the children. The dear little baby is walking all about. She puts on her bonnet and goes around and says by bye to everybody. Poor Laura has lost her little girl. It first got chicken pox and was left diseased and died on the 26th.

We got a letter a few days since from Roger. He was well and said he was advised to sell his farm and purchase a large track of land on the railroad. His father wrote to him and advised him to lay out all his money and return to Kentucky and he would make it to his interest to take charge of this farm and -----

Is not able to do it I tell you he can't stand fatigue-----
disturbed – now – and if my dear son could come I believe-----
eventually be best for us all. I am necessarily much concerned-----
do not think it best to leave home when your father is -----
and all – Well my dear you seem pleased with -----
it is so course and common. I thought it would-----
to see Mother Gex and Virginia and be -----
serve you I will soon make it as I get a -----
intended cutting it just as you suggest-----
our off my old French Marine dress make-----
before my child cloth it will be light for me-----
sons. I have a little knife and fork for each of t-----
handle with (for a good boy) on the handle. -----
round handle and a letter ? for Anthonie-----
kerchief for him and little ?Doty and a -----
plain like my dress but larger flowers on-----
in each side. Your father says he wa-----
and will be so and like his man Tom to-----
when to tell you they will stout. He was so g-----
and your letters. Oh my dear child how glad-----

my took one

step in and sit an evening-----
a week and eat my apples and game-----
and John and Mr. Gex and all I have stop-----
but your father and Willie and I. I had a turkey-----
and while we were at dinner John came to tell your father the dogs had been with his fine sheep.
He has gone all in a hurry he said 4 were wounded, those he sells at \$20--- Priscilla has been
very unwell and confined to her room a -----

---I think and her bad children distressing her. I asked-----
---Sally where Cousin Gilles was, she said he had gone home-----
-----a baby I thought we had enough I will try to get you-----
-----you all. I think it would be good for him to visit you-----
-----still with Judith. It is so lonesome here. I do not know-----
-----recall her. I have been making Emily a wrapper-----
-----for a Christmas gift and I sent Sister H a pair of-----
-----I shall send Sally some lard. My eyes have been-----
-----sewed much on your silk quilt. Will begin soon-----
-----stitching still stays with me. You and V must-----
-----so comfortable when I can't get out anywhere-----
-----my dear children. Mary Pettit lost her little boy----
-----days since I have written to Priscilla Berd-----
-----I have got \$20 butter money and 5 you----

-----I will save some of it to pay my way----
-----father can offer me if I do not stay-----
-----I could go to see Elizabeth and we all could-----
-----? Kiss my dear little sons for-----
-----he shall have his marbles and hammer-----
-----little B shall have ? from Ma.-----
-----you must make Sarah do all the house work-----
-----and garden. Remember me to Judy-----
-----his spiritualisms Cousin Callar wants to-----
-----sitting in the corner and I at your father's ?
-----then mash and cool it with sweet milk, then do-----
-----flour to make it then enough after an-----
-----cup of yeast. Make for supper about 11 o'clock.

Farewell my dear dear child. My love to all that loves you. I will write again in two weeks if the Lord is willing. May the Lord be with you my dear child I will write when we hear from Roger.

Your affectionate

Mother

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