

Capitol June 1st 1845.

Dear Brother

On yesterday I recd your kind favour of the 1st last month, which was sent by Mr. Acklin - On the 31st Mr. Miller & Margaret left for home - I then went with them, intending to go as far as Storeston, but today he returned. He informs me that he left them at La Grange when they would take the stage - If your letter had have got here before Mr. Miller left, I think he would have been contented to remain, with us for a few weeks longer. Altho we all are united in opinion with Margaret & the sweet boy, yet we could not ask her, or Mr. Miller to make a sacrifice of their business to gratify us - Ellen bears the loss of Meg better than I expected she would - she is more of a philosopher than I thought she was - To part with her was a trying hour to I had to leave the promise when it took place - I have still hopes of meeting with them some of these coming, if not in this world, in the next - that hope for better times, keeps me alive. I brought home with me yesterday, Jacob Faithfull, that I intended to read - Jacob is patient, and stands the ups, & downs of this life well, consoling himself always in misfortune by saying, "Better back next time," I quote Jacob more often.

I have intended writing you for the last 12 or 15 weeks - but the task is so great that I could not undertake it - even I writing on Lusey's!

Mother. I could soon accomplish it. But to write to
you is all I have time for. I am so busy
all day I have not a moment to spare. I am
will be able to give you more news. How I can for probably
give - I am now along here as well as you - work
hard. live poor and am respected by the poor
These are but few such people in this part of his
country, and no one claims to be superior to another
on account of his wealth - Altho' he tells me
John accompanied yours, I was much surprised
how much he has improved in mind. I have no doubt
that he has improved in the same ratio in appearance.

I should like very much to see that once was little and
had a boy, that at Bellevue, when his Aunt complained
of May's Munday's hunting horns on Sunday - I wanted
the fencer I made proclamation to this effect - "Majors
Majors Munday, - Dincea, Dincea dunda, he goes a hunting
every day, but hunts twice on Sunday."

Andrew talks of going to school to study surveying
with a friend of his, who has given him an invitation - My
advice is for him to remain at Leguine, at school, for a little
while - He will leave here in a few days for Austin, to see
his friend Mr. Doctor, who has lately taken to himself
a help mate -

As I have but little time to spare - I will come to
the point when you ask about Blood Stock - How
to advise you I know not - If I ~~had~~ had ^{some} Blood
Stock here a few years ago, I could have traded them
well for land, I might even now do pretty well with
them, But would not advise you to involve yourself
in sending them here as they might turn out
badly, or not to your expectations - Choice land

in this sort of times is not a drug - they are really
worth more than is generally supposed. If you
can send your stock, or a part of them to our
de, I mean, John, Andrew & Dr. will make
a trade for you. It may turn out to be a good trade
or it may turn out to be a bad one - At all events
you cannot lose much, because you cannot sell
your stock when you have no cash -

I would like to know how you are getting on
and all your friends. I hope to see you in the
little ones for me - Mary, your mother & I
a mother's letter I saw her May not look upon herself
as one of the little ones - but I include her with you

Your Brother
Michael Estlin

P.S. John says he will write to Father in a few
days, that is to say, when he can get paper & ink
It may be a week, or it may two or three weeks
before that can be accomplished - You must
not expect letters from us, as we are (in a vulgar
style) down up brown - but you must be contented
with them served up in any common sort of style

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