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Orangeburg Mason Co Ky May 1st/57

Dear Will

I rec^d yours and am happy that I can accommodate you to the amt I owe you" which I believe is 5⁰⁰ and at the same time return to you my sincere thanks for the accommodation you rendered me in one of the dark and gloomy hours of my life" I am truly sorry that Pamela can not have good health she has been sick I believe near all this winter I have nothing of interest to write more than this little town is blessed with health Mary got home from Mr. Saggers on yesterday evening where she has been for some two weeks I cannot say when I will be in Lewis probably not for one or two months Give my love to Pamela & little Ann also to friends in general" Tell David I have about 6 miles talk for him down up in the latest stile" & that he must not forget to give me the news of Lewis occasionally it is getting dark I close

Your ever
James J. Roberts

This is a powerful bad old pen about as good as I generally get to write a letter as good as I deserve when I am too lazy to mend it

Frankfort Ky.
January 6. 1859.

My Dear Wife.

It is now 20 minutes past 11. O'clk. I have been waiting for company to arrive so that I could write you. The last one has just left. And I am now too tired to write much. My back is hurting me some, for want of rest, otherwise I am well as usual. I must give you a short account of the trip down. We got Asa Boynton, to take us down to Sciotoville, in a Wagon. We had a very rough trip. When the Cars came on we went down to Portsmouth, after getting my supper, I went in search of Rickes house, but did not have proper directions & did not find it that night, next morning I found them. They were well & quite nicely fixed up. I had but a few moments to stay. got to Cincinnati Wednesday night, attended to some business in the forenoon, and

met up to Lexington in the evening. This
morning came here. We had rather a long
session today, & much discussion on Resolu-
tions in regard to Federal relations.

I met with John V. Patchiff, on the
cars. He came down through Lewis. He
told me that he learned something along
that Father was not in his right mind.
Mr Thomas, confirms the statement in
some measure, but not to the extent
represented by Patchiff.

Thomas, saw Quimbar, who told him that
Father, memory was bad, and that Dr
Cooper, said there was nothing the matter
with him, except that he imagined he
was sick. I feel much distressed about
it. If I had known anything of it I
must certainly have went to see him
by some means or other. If it should turn
out to be true, and he should get worse
I do not know what I am to do. I must
try and reconcile myself, as the best I can
and trust to the goodness of God, for wisdom,
to guide me. This meeting to relieve us and
them. I have had much to hear and

distress me within the last few years especially.
and have borne it without complaining or mur-
muring - and I trust & pray that let what
come that may I may have grace enough
to bear it with becoming Christian forti-
tude & patience.

I intend writing to Father. and will also
write Dr Cooper, soon to get the true state
of things.

I must now stop as it will be
past twelve before I can get to bed.

Good night. May the Lord, govern, guide
& protect us all. and in mercy save us.

Your aff husband

W. B. E. L. L.

P.S. I hope You may be able to
read this imperfect scribble. Write often.
I must think hard of You for short letters.
as I know it is labor for you to write.

W. B. E. L. L.

Greensburg Nov 25¹⁵ 1859
Mr. W. C. Ireland

Dear Sir I have had
a conversation with Mr. Sulin & Wadsworth
about you going up from Frankfort
to Mount Sterling to take ^{see 13th} dispoⁿition, or rather
crop examine them that Peter has give
notice to take in favour of the L & B R Blo
c^{de}. I wished them to give you a statement how
to proceed but they are so busy they have
not time to do so. Mr. Wadsworth says he will
have a conversation with you before he leaves
and probably Mr. Sulin also. I will give
you the number of shares that was taken
up to May 21st 1852 a short time before we
met and organized at Owensville Ky
this is by an of the commissioners who lived
at Polkville by the name J. H. Richart
we organized the 25th or 28 of May as well as I
recall or a bout that time

Carter Co	433	
Beth	333	\$ 98 250
Winchester	185	
Mt. Sterling	246	Including all the
Lexington	126	worthless Subscription
Greene	642	
	<u>1965</u>	and Bonds & we
	50	went to show how
	<u>98250</u>	

how much stock was taken in bonds
and then worthly value no little &
and the many persons subscribed that were
insolvent this probably applies to the end of
the Road if you would have a conference
with Judge Moore who is employed in
W. J. Nicholls suit in Clark probably
he would be able to give you some
information that would help very much
he lives in Mt Sterling Ky. Enclosed you
will find the notices to me and Sullivan
recollect December the 13th day, 1857 is the time

If you would enquire it may be you
will find out something more about the
amended charter as him making
Knox & Co's trade, and dealing other wise
please attend to this

Yours Truly
Wm Hampton

P. S. Since I wrote the
above I learn there was a
contract made with the
Frankfort Lexington &
Lancaster R. R. Co to
the amt of \$150,000 this
was after the charter was
amended W. H.

Washington Iowa Sept 19th 1855

Dear Father & Mother

I have taken my pen once more after a long time of negligence to write to you all. We are all well & hearty & have been since my last letter to you. we rec^d one from you some two weeks ago and were glad to hear that you were all as well as common or rather better & that you had fine crops you have had dreadful rains there but that is more than I can say for we have been dry here & nearly all the mills has gone dry & our mill has failed so that we can scarcely get matter enough for house use we have a plenty of matter in a spring for our stock & horses at the old cabins the ground is dried through and through our corn is good our wheat is not more than half a crop we finished thrashing our wheat yesterday. Our meadows is not more than half crops still we have some of each to sell the grass is pretty well burnt up and if we do not get rain this fall we will be in a bad fix for matter here this winter & it is nearly too late for us to have rains here I think maybe that we will have plenty of matter in the spring for our stock I have not bought many calves this season for they have got so very high from 8 to 10 dollars & I can buy yearling calves for 12 & 13.4 I think it will be cheaper to buy yearlings I bought 10 head of yearlings last winter for \$100 dollars & I found they was not a going to be very profitable to keep for they were small & would never be large and I sold them for \$150 dollars cash so that I made on them for they cost me nothing to keep them I have some 25 head of good calves & three or four 3 year olds that I have engaged for 30 dollars each & thus I have two yoke of young oxen that I will get \$140 dollars for

I believe I wrote to you that I had sold my
mill I have sold it in the first place I bought
out the other partners for \$700 dollars & then I sold
the Engine for \$700 dollars & sold the 4 Lots for \$450 &
then sold the old Irons to our foundry men for \$100
more & I am about to sell the stack for \$75 dollars &
I took 5 yoke of oxen in part pay for the Engine and
rated the oxen at \$60 pr yoke & I sold two yoke at \$75 each
and one yoke at \$90 dollars which I made \$60 dollars clear
on 3 yoke of oxen & I will make some 25 or 30 dollars
on the other two yoke which all counted up I will
get about \$140 dollars & took a couple of good horses &
harnes which we valued at \$250 I have been offered
25 dollars more than I give for them but I would
not sell them they are good horses & young & I conclude
to keep them & team with them & sell the two old
mares that we had on hands the Doctor said if I
would team and knock about that it would be good
for me I have been teaming to Burlington I have
mowed the two last weeks & mowed of mow this week
only we wanted to thrash out our grain I expect to
go very much for two months & then it will be getting
to cold for me I can make the trip in 3 1/2 days & get
60 \$ per hundred for halling & I hall from 25 to 30
hundred I halled last trip 29 hundred at 60 made \$17.40⁵
besides taking a papuger down to Burlington for one dollar
made my trip worth \$18.40⁵ & it cost me \$4.60⁵ Expense
It pays well and there is any amount of halling
to do there is on an average from 12 to 20 teams goes
from Washington to Burlington every week, I sold
the old mare that I give Lock \$65 dollars before we
moved away from there which is not less than 18 or
20 years old ~~the other day~~ I got \$75 dollars for her
& I sold the other old mare that is 12 or thirteen year
old I sold her last Sunday for \$65 dollars so I am clear of
old stock

I think my luck has changed for the better I have made a good deal in the last two months a trading property is still a going up & land here Washington is very healthy & building up fast we were a counting up & there has been this year 44 houses gone up in Washington & there is some 10 or 15 more to go up this fall wages very high Just Common hand \$1.00 to 1 1/4 per day Carpenter \$2.00 per day and hands is very scarce at that wheat 75 & on the fall corn 30 Cents 15 Potatoes 25 Engaging Hogs at 4 1/2 at the pen off \$5.00 delivered at Burlington beefs from 6 to 10 cents Horses very high Green Peaches \$2.00 per bushel Apples \$1.00 May \$1.50 per ton we will have about 10 tons to sell this year wood \$2.50 to \$2.75 per cord plank from 1/4 to 3/4 per Hundred I believe I have given you all the news that I can think of & my trading in particular Billy Sam is hearty & well & wants to know very once and a while if I will not take these horses & go to Ky with them he says he knows the road & will drive for me, the mares name is Lenny Lind & she has been raised a pit and is uncommon gentle and a great favorite of the childrens they can do as they please with her Billy can get on her & ride about in the brush after the cattle equal to a dog to go through brush Virginia is hearty and well dont cry quite as much as she did & Lenny hardly ever cries without they hurt him & then he will cry & fight he is a desperate boy to fight when mad he is by far the best disposition of any he will not raise a fuss and will take a good deal before he will fight he never wants to be nursed nor made of he dose not pay any attention to making of him he is the most independent and manly of any the fool will sit and watch him and laugh heartily he will stand off & talk but you must not go to take him up or he will go off