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Letter to Brother from Ira F.M. Butler

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Selma, O. H. Jan 8th 1858

Dear Brother,

When I went home in the holidays I received a letter from you informing me that you had received a Power of Attorney which pleased me for I was fearful it would be so long before I could hear from it. I am in hopes you have sold the land. I will now tell you why I hope you have sold Eliza & Butler is dying very low with the Consumption and I do not think he will live till Spring. you know he used to bleed at the lungs while in Ohio. He has been working along till I think he has gone into the Consumption if he should die before the land is sold you are well aware that it would be with some difficulty that it could be sold. I have never heard from you since I wrote to you about the distribution of the estate in this country. I hope you will have sent it long before you receive this.
but for fear it has not gone, may be I had better write to you again what I want, We have agreed here to give mother one thousand eight hundred dollars besides what property she has had set off to her which amounts to two hundred and fifty six dollars and seventy five cents making in all $25,567.50 which must be a yearly income to her of $2500 without touching any of the principal, and then divide the remainder among the skipers share which will be about one thousand dollars each including the real estate here and that you in the States take that amount out of the funds there that is one thousand dollars each if you have not I wish you to get up something authorizing the Probate Court of Polk County Oregon Territory to make such a distribution here as it desires by all the heirs in the State and send it to me. I also wrote to you giving you the No. of the deed here so that you could send a power of attorney to sell but have not heard from it since I can not send you the No. now for I have them not with me, I will send you a receipt that Elijah O. Butler hold and brought with him from Illinois through mistake, the balance of the relations are well as far as I know and all thing once it is now the 8” of song and the ground has not been froze hard enough to bone up a man this winter, the longer I stay in Oregon the better I like it, If we had all the Indians and Marmot out of the way we would begin to do something. The Country east of the Cascades is one of the finest grazing countries in the world at this time and one of the best roads it is far more so than this valley, I see that your Banks are all breaking to our bonds but the more you break our banks the better the pay that the kind of banks I like. I believe I have not seen a paper dollar since I left the Missouri River all most five years since write to me often Yours Respectfully

[Signature]
Salem O.T. Jany 8th, 1858

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When I went home in the holidays I received a letter from you informing me that you had received that Power of Attorney which pleased me, for I was fearful it was lost; it was so long before I could hear from it. I am in hopes you have sold the land. I will now tell you why I hope you have sold. Elijah D. Butler is lying very low with the Consumption and I do not think he will live till Spring. You know he used to bleed at the lungs while in Illinois. He has been working along till I think he has gone into the consumption. If he should die before the land is sold you are well aware that it would be with some difficulty that it could be sold. I have never heard from you since I wrote to you about the distribution of the Estate in this country. I hope you will have sent it long before you receive this but for fear it has not gone, may be I had better write to you again what I want. We have agreed here to give mother our thousand eight hundred dollars besides what property she has had set off to her which amounts to seven hundred and fifty-six dollars and seventy-five cents making in all $2556.75 which will be a yearly income to her of $250.00 without touching any of the principle, and then divide the remainder among the six heirs here, which will be about one thousand dollars each including the Real Estate here and that you in the States take that amount out of the funds there. That is our thousand dollars each if you have not I wish you to get up something authorising the Probate Court of Polk County Oregon Territory to make such a distribution have it signed by all the heirs in the States and send it to me. I also wrote to you giving you the nos of the land here, so that you could send a Power of Attorney to sell but have not heard from it since. I can not send you the nos now for I have them not with me. I will send you a receipt that Elijah D. Butler had and brought with him from Illinois thorough mistake, the balance of the relations are well as far as I know, and all doing well it is now the 8th of Jan and the ground has not been froze hard enough to bore up a man this winter. The longer I stay in Oregon the better I like it, if we had all the indians and Mormons out of the way we would begin to do something the Country East of the Cascades is one of the finest grazing countries in the world at this time and one of the healthyest it is far more so than this
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