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Letter to Brother and Sister from Isaac Butler and Sarah A. Butler

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Believe I have nothing more of interest to
write of this now you are in good shape and all will
be well write soon.

Dear Brother and Sister it is with
pleasure that I take this to
write a short letter to you. I received your letter containing the second to the draft you sent me last fall and was much pleased to hear of your health and prosperity it has
been a long time since I have received a letter from any of you. I had almost
come to the conclusion that you had
forgotten me entirely but my health in
some letters now there it was some
time back for the last three years I have been afflicted with a pain in
my right side I supposed to have originated from a little indisposition
of the liver I have been taking
medicine ever since a principle drug for some better but am not well yet.
Elijah is coming visiting for some time I think he has the measles to the rest
of the connection as well as far as I
know brother make your home at
my house as pleasant and probably
stay for some time.
She has administered on the estate here. The property is all
sold and will be divided among
the Children here before very
long. I believe if if is the opinion of
the Children here that all the property
be sold there had better be sold at once
for you know if one of us should die
it would lock up the estate for probably
10 years. I will give it as my opinion that
the property had better be sold at once.
There is another matter I wish to tell you
about, and that is some time before
father died he told me that when the
place that I inherit there would be sold if
it amounted to any more than what he
paid for my place here. That I should
receive 5000 dollars for my place
but after the interest is added for 3 years
that will not be much if any over,
you can just think of the boys about
it and if any one objects to it don't say
any now about it. For I had rather look
at my right than for me to think that
I was getting more than my share.

There is a question of sending an order on
J. Edward for my salary. I was telling
my daughter about it and she told me
that by sending there would not be many
but him of any consequence and that it
was better now by having it sent a draft
your letter to Father some time ago of March
30th it might have been $54,00 than the 14th
of January next. But if that be the matter
was to leave it to you send it in a draft order.
I should make other arrangements. I should
make other arrangements. I will give you
soon, I will tell you something about you
I am a getting along. There is a claim of 300
acres about 30 acres under June 30th
applied. I sent and 100 more in the spring last.
I American news 1883 year old they Indian
have 2 years of an 700 acres old American.
Colds 18 acres of them down in New York. I
expect to have a good crop next year from
this you may think it through 280 job
well in my mind and let it stand away
until the next year. I send my
report in "February" last and send 26
and half to the new, 100 or 50 by
100 of which 40 acres & 50 acres.
I have no instructions of learning
just started in about 3 miles of where I
live I have bought a lot of barn wood
and intend building next summer.
There is a good district school going on.
Nov. 1st, 1856

Dear Brother and Sister

It is with pleasure that I take my pen in hand to write a short letter to you. I received your letter containing the second to the draft you sent me last fall and was much pleased to hear of your health and prosperity. It has been a long time since I have received a letter from any of you. I had almost come to the conclusion that you had forgotten me entirely. My health is some better now than it was some time back. For the last three years I have been afflicted with a pain in my right side. Supposed to have originated from a predisposition of the liver. I have been taking medicine from a physician and feel some better but am not well yet. Elijah is complaining for some time. I think he has the Bronchitis. The rest of the connection are well as far as I know. Mother makes her home at my house at present and probably will for some time.

Ira has administered on the estate here. The property is all valued and will be divided among the children here, before very long. I believe it is the opinion of the children here that all the property back there had better be sold at once for you know if one of us should die it would lock up the estate for probably 20 years. I will give it as my opinion that this property had better be sold at once. There is one other matter I wish to call your attention to and this is some time before Father died, he told me that when the place that I let him have was sold, if it amounted to any more than what he paid for my place here, that I should have the residue. He paid [?2000] dollars for my place out after the interest is added for 3 years here will not be much if any over, you can just speak to the boys about it and if any one objects to it, don’t say any more about it, for I had rather loose all my right than for one to think that I was trying to get more than my share.

In reference to sending an order on [?I]. E. Davidson for my money, I was talking to Mr. Davidson about it and he told me that by January there would not be money due him of any consequence and that I had better have my money sent in a draft your letter to Father some time ago if I understood it right there was $350.00 due the 1st of January [??next] of my part but let that be as it may, whatever is due send it in a draft until I should make other arrangements if I should
make other arrangements I will let you know soon, I will tell you something about how I am getting along I have a claim of 320 acres about 50 acres under fine 100 appletrees /set out and 100 more in the nursery to set out [2] American mares 1 hors 3 years old 1 half indian horse 2 years old and 2 two year olds, American colts, 12 acres of wheat sown in May last I expect to have a good crop next year from this you may think it strange to sow fall wheat in May and let it stand over until the next year, but it is the surest plan of raising good wheat. I sowed my wheat in February last and raised 26 bushels to the acre. I have 21 hogs up [?for my] pork is worth [?5] cts Bacon 12 cts wheat .75 Beef 6 cts on foot Butter 36 to 40 [Cowes?] 40, to 50, we have an institution of learning just started in about 5 miles of where I live I have bought a lot of 10 acres there and intend building next summer there is a good district school going on now I believe I have nothing more of interest to write at this time You must write soon and tell all the rest to write often

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