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Letter to John Butler and Eliza (Smith) Butler from Thomas Hutchinson and Elizabeth Hutchinson ("Lissie")

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Mr. John Brother,  

Dear Brother,  

I am pleased to receive your letter of December last. I am very glad to learn that so many of our acquaintance have died, and that so many of them were living well. But we were happy to hear that you had arrived in good health and all well at present.  

The Apache was not so severe as I expected it to be, and we got through it all right. Elizabeth took it well, and got me a lot of help. In the mean time, I am writing this letter.  

The cattle are doing better than ever. The snow was nearly a foot deep. The grass is beginning to grow fairly. During that and the following winter, Elizabeth had a severe attack of the Rhinomania; fear of the time she could not walk by day or night. She became now — All the neighbors are in good health.  

Little James still. Mother has grown to be

Cordially yours,  

J. H. Hutchinson  

C. H. Stalnaker
quite a long day. He can talk and ramble about
freely. Little Robert was born in the Cascade
Mountains on the 5th of August, two days before
we reached the Valley. He is doing very well,
and as growing very fast.

Your father told me that he had written a
long letter to you and given a description of the
winter horses and the C. & C. So I shall omit that
I wrote a few lines in your father's letter,
last fall giving the number of my lots in Union
with their planting. There are forty-two, third section (2.5.6)
in Black Foot right (13) in the lot of
Mansfield.

We write you to sell that pasture by James
Brown and the horses attached for the
best price you can. There is of the same price
be that the herdsman at half of it. I think the
horse at $250.00 and the lambs
at $25.00 per head. But I mess you to
do the best you can with it. To know your
profit if you buy on the full value of it.
I think it is worth from 15 to 20 dollars per
head. But you may sell it for a fair price.

If you sell your may deduct the money with
what I think to be a meager of 100.00
and them to send me a receipt or evidence
of having sold as speedily as possible. But if you cannot
sell the place at the lowest cost and the best
price with it I will take advantage of it.

If the place cannot be rented without a house
there is any money in your horses you can put a
keeper at school chief house of some kind on it.
But we want a good house on the place for
I wish you to pay particular attention to paying
the taxes on the ten acres in Union. Henderson
County in Henderson County. We have the southwest
government section thirty-four in township eleven
north of range four west and the north west
quarter of the same section. Your best bet is to
refer to Samuel i. Parker I think they will
allow the land in Henderson, but I
don't want to neglect.

I wish to know if the agent will pay anything
more than Confederate if it will you may deduct any
expenses to the land in Henderson, but I
don't want to neglect.

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After you have paid the taxes and deducted
the agent will pay anything on the land in Henderson,
but I don't want to neglect.
Luckamute. Polk Co. OT
March 7th 1854

Mr. John Butler,

Dear Brother

We received your letter of December last 2 weeks since We were very sory to learn that so many of our acquaintances had died and that so many of them were lying sick. But we were happy to learn that you had escaped so well We are all well at present. We both took the Ague soon after we came in. Elizabeth broke it soon and got well but it chilled me all winter, but I am about well now. My sickness on the Plains was the probable cause of the ague. The winter has been very hard yet I have not heard of any stock dying the cold weather lasted better than 2 weeks the snow was nearly a foot in depth- The grass is beginning to grow finely. During that cold weather Elizabeth had a very severe attack of Rheumatism, part of the time she could not walk by day or sleep at night-she is well now- All the friends are also well Little James Butler Hutchinson has grown to be quite a large boy. He can talk and run about finely. Little Robert was born in the Cascade Mountains on the 3 of August two days before we reached the valley. He is doing very well and is growing very fast

Your father told me yesterday that he had written a long letter to you and given a description of the winter times and {?} so I shall omit that I wrote a few lines in your fathers letter last fall giving the number of my lots in monmouth - They are Lots two,three,and six (2,3,6,) in Block forty eight (48) in the City of Monmouth.

We wish you to sell that praire by Uncle Williams, and the timber attached for the best price you can. Isaac is of the same opinion as he holds the undivided half of it. I think the Praise is worth 10 dollars per acre and the timber 25 or 30 dollars per acre. But I wish you to do the best you
can with it. The farm you may sell if you can get the full value of it. I think it is worth from 15 to 20 dollars per acre. But you may sell it for a fair price. If you sell you may deposit the money with W. John. Hutchinson, take a receipt, for it and tell him to send me a draft or certificate of deposit, as speedily as possible. But if you cannot sell the place to advantage rent it and do the best you can with it and we will be satisfied with it.

If the place cannot be rented without a house if there is any money in your hands coming to us you can put a cabin or small cheap house of some kind on it. But we would rather have the money here. I wish you to pay particular attention to paying the taxes on our property in Warren and Henderson Counties, in Henderson County we have the Southwest quarter section, of Section thirty six in township eleven north of range four west, and the north west quarter of the same section. You had better see brother Samuel or John. I think they will attend to the land in Henderson, but I don't want it neglected.

I wish to know if the wheat will pay anything more than expenses? if it will you may deduct pay for your extra trouble, and send me word how much is left. Did Bradley put in any of my ground last year? and if so what did the rent amount to? did he brake any prairie? We want to know if you sold our cows, and if so what did each one bring, and who got them. After you have paid our taxes and deducted pay for your trouble, you may either send some cows or if you have not sold the cows send them and there calves, by some good person. or if the amount is so small that you think it will not be worth while you may pay the amount to Miss E.J. Hutchinson, and take her receipt. If you send cows to your father, and you succeed in selling any of our land you may send a few cows for us, send young ones yearlings and two years old are the best.

I wish you to see Quinby and ask him if you can make a title to land sold in Henderson county, if my brothers get a chance to sell our place in Henderson you will have to make the Deed if you cannot we will have to send a new power of attorney. If you do not sell the place try and get the prairie broke as soon as possible and pay the brakers in rent of the ground as Bradley was to do.

We have found some difficulty in getting a claim in this vicinity as all the claims are taken about here, and they ask as much for them as they do for good farms in Ills. We could have taken up claims but they were some distance from our friends. We have bought a pretty good claim about 2 miles from Elijah's and Ira's for 300 dollars. The improvement on the claim is worth that it is not a full claim. We will move on it in a few days. We bought a claim for $1200, but we could not hold it as it had been selected for University lands, the original holder could hold it but we could not, so we gave it back but we are still living on it. You must write and give all the news we will write soon again.

We remain your affectionate brother and Sister

Mr. John M. Butler
Mrs E. Butler
T.H. Hutchinson
E.H.B. Hutchinson

Give our love to the family and all enquiring friends.