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Letter to John Butler from Peter Butler

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October 14th, 1854

Dear Son,

I have delayed writing for a long time hoping that I should be able to acknowledge the receipt of your draft but I have written so many letters explaining the situation that I have been expecting that I should receive a letter from you before I write this. It has not come to hand yet and I am not sure if it has been presented or lost. I have been expecting it to come to hand but it has not come yet.

I have sent a letter to the official and have asked him to send the draft back to me. He has sent it back to me and I have received it. I have sent it to you for safekeeping.

I have been thinking about the matter and have decided to send the draft back to you. I have sent it in a letter which you should receive shortly. I hope you will get the draft and send it back to me. I have been thinking about the matter and have decided to send the draft back to you. I have sent it in a letter which you should receive shortly. I hope you will get the draft and send it back to me.

Please write back and let me know how things are going. I am very anxious to hear from you. Please let me know if you have received the draft and if you have sent it back to me. I am very anxious to hear from you. Please let me know if you have received the draft and if you have sent it back to me.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

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Lease Smith has not received his draft and is very uneasy about it. If the money had reached him at your disposal it would have been my intention to have a draft payable on New York so I would deal it for a premium. I have visited the house of Adams & Co. not to pay the debt to any other person against myself of course. I do not want you to bring up the topic that I am writing this letter in the same house as Tristram who are all well and Charles says that he has been to the ladies and two of his daughters in London and not at home. The latter leaves us all in usual health except one of you are not very well satisfied. This is a nice good country but I wish rather be at home I would be there as well as not far from=so natural that I am not at all able to make a farm and have a tolerable good farm in Michigan. My family are all well as well last Wednesday he has a cold and has not about 20 acres more and has built a new house. Edward Grounds family are all well and as well as I have about 18 acres more. Bloodsmiths 20 acres are all well he has broke some 15 acres this year and has about 50 acres more. My stock and all his folks are well some other people folks are all well except his little daughter. She is complaining but was better last Wednesday morning.

Elton Meade is not very well but is still about the rest of his family are all well. Leeman this season was very good except his daughter who was out in England to a grand daughter. I have heard that Mr. Smith is not going to write the letters of Mr. William, the boy has not come to me or had not written to come over here so I suppose what I have to tell you in relation to new people. I think that you have taken the proper side as much as he work was worth it. Now if I forgot to tell you to have it to other families I must come to a close as it is too dark that I cannot write any more remain your father

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Title: Letter to son [John Butler] from Peter Butler (Portland Oregon Territory)

Date: September 1, 1854

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Portland Oregon Teretory
September 1st 1854

Dear Son

I have delayed writing for a long time hoping that I should be able to acknowledge the reception of my draft but I have waited in vein I have been expecting that I should receive a letter containing the draft for the last six weeks and as it has not come I thought it would be best to come down to the office and see if it had been presented by any other person, but they dont know anything about it and they also say that they have no dealings with Page & Bacon but that they have with Clark & brothers they also say that they have a house in St Louis that is they have a house in the name of Adams & Co. St Louis. Now I want you to see Rankin amedietly and tell him that I want him to see to it for me if he pleases, and if you have sent the draft, duplicate, and triplicate they have all failed so far and I want a fourth. If you have sent a draft from Page & Bacon it will be payable at San Francisco, but if I could get it, I could cash it here I want you to write to me amedietly and tell me all about it, and if it should come I will write amedietly and inform you of the fact, my money is due to day, and if I dont get it I shall be sued Isaac Smith has not received his draft and is very uneasy about it, if the money should be at your disposal in any way I would like to have a draft payable in New York as I could sell it for a premium. I have notified the house of Adams & Co not to pay the drafts to any other person except myself & Isaac Smith I want you to tell old Mr. Chinn that I am writing this letter in Charleys house in Portland they are all well and Charley says that he has some notion of comeing home next Spring. They have a fine daughter calls its name Sarah Anne.

This letter leaves us all in usual health, but some of us are not very well sattisfied this is a tolerable good country, but I had reather be at home if I could be thare as well is not for the reason that I am old and not able to make a farm and I have a tolerable good farm in Illinois, Ira’s family are all well or was last Wednesday, he has a claim and has got about twenty acres broke and has built a new
house Edward Grounds family are all well he has about 18 acres broke Isaac Smith's folks are all well he has broke some 15 acres. Elijahs folks are well and doing well. Thos Hutchinson's folks are all in good health. he has been teaching school and taking care of his wheat Uncle Elijah Davidson and all his folks are well John E Murphy's folks are all well except his little daughter she is complaining but was better last Wednesday morning. Calvin Murphy is not very stout but is still about the rest of his family are all well Licurgus Furgeson was married yeasterday near Layfayatte in Yamhill county to a grand daughter of old Robt Birds I have learnt that Benjamin Despain has got in with fifty head of cattle. William Murphy has not got in yet or had not when I left home yeasterday morning

I will write to James as soon as I get home Write soon, and let me know what I must depend upon in relation to my money John I think that you have paid James Bimken as much as his work was worth and more too but if he is not sattisfied propose to leave it to other painters I must come to a close as it is so dark that I cant see to write any more

I remain your father

Peter Butler

Sept 2nd I have opened my letter this morning for the purpose of writing a few thoughts which suggested themselves to me through the Night I fear that thare has been some faul play in relation to those drafts, you say in your letter to Isaac Smith that Clark & Co had no dealings with Adams & Co but Page & Bacan has, while the reverse is the fact so I fear that some lying Clerk in the house of Page & Bacan has deceived Mr Rankin, but if Mr Rankin got the draft duplicate and triplicate and you have sent the <missing words> Drafts and duplicate and <missing word> ned the triplicate in your own hands until you heard from us (which would have been the krokes way) these you can send the triplicates and we can still get the money. If I don't get the money what little stock I have must be sold under the hammer and we shall have to drag out the few day which we have to live in a state of dependence for it is not worth while to sell property in Illinios if we cant get the money, and we have not the means to get back on. So I bid you farewell perhaps forever

Your loving father

Peter Butler