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

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Dear Brother, 

The receipt of your letter last week and your kind letters to your friend, Mr. Murphy, have been of great comfort to me. I was glad to hear that you had not been sick or ill. I hope you will write me again soon.

Your friend,

Thomas M. Johnson

Dear John,

Mrs. Johnson is not well, but she is getting better. I hope she will soon be well again. I am glad to hear that you are doing well. I hope to see you soon.

Yours truly,

Elizabeth Johnson
objected the soldiers in one battle when the
troops attempted to drive them from a mountain.
The school appears with many prospects at
the Institution near Thomas Hinds on the
19th inst.

We have concluded that you have better
try to build a house of such size as you may
think best have a well dug an fence built on
the line between you and Jabez Corgan's place
and a well dug also an orchard about a half
acre or more trees of good varieties about
for use may want to get fruit from them
our selves large day. Believe do this as
quickly as the want will pay for it unless
they may have any trouble.

The have thought that we will not sell the improvements
place and the evidence that you belongs to it
but the price of premium and the timber that belongs
in it. But it the partnership will have you may
sell if you can get a good price for it. We think
you will know better than us what goods to
sell upon the land in partnership what will be
the best time to sell it.

We do not want to sell the Lot in Mansfield
(I believe they are lot 2356. 2357. 2358) unless you
think that they will bring a better price now than
they will enhance. You say that property is
not as high now as you think it will be when
a while and it pay least to hold on to.

the property if I would the money I could donate
by helping to sell cattle and raising stock
money is scarce and hard to get. But it is cheap
from 5 to 10 dollars per hundred. But it is all
very expensive to raise cattle. cost nothing
to keep them after you have them and horses
the name of rice they are not used anything 1
watered and study. Study they must be fed. That you
five can eat the but of the ground anytime
from the first of July to the first of May.

They are worth from 5 to 10 dollars per head. Some will
hire American Longhorns for 250 to 300 dollars
per head. I hear reported work at 500 per head.
Olds from 375 to 500 per head.

I have been engaged in a contract of surveying
all summer. Have not finished yet. That
election County Survey of Washburn to last from
the first of January. 1874. So you see that
my business keeps me from home a great
part of your time.

The children John and Samuel are like to see that
little brother of your's. Elizabeth that you
have just written in saying that I was became
because it looks like the Darrells. But one bad
word is left. While it comes on giving it
must be honest. James is growing finely.
he is attending to my side and working
writing this letter. To and I bid you heart.

John Dickson

Des Moines 1874.
Bloomington Polk Co. Oregon Territory
Nov 26th 1855

Dear Brother & Sister

We received your letter of the 19th of Sep last week. It was indeed good news from a far country.” In your letter you mentioned the sickness of Berryman Murphy, the same mail which I brought your letter also brought letters to our friends here stating that he was dead. This was painful news for us all. We were glad to hear of your good health and that of our friends generally.

On the 14th day of this month a young man took boarding with us. He is a fine little boy with black hair and dark eyes, he weighs 101/2 lbs. All of the friends are well at this time so far as I know. Isaac M. Butler went out to fight the Yackama Indians. He is 2nd sergeant of Company G of this county. The volunteers regulars as well Indians have had a battle the Indians have been defeated with some loss several of the vol were wounded but not killed. In the south the Indians have committed great devastation, murdering men, women, and children. They have defeated the soldiers in one battle where the troops attempted to drive them from a mountain.

The school opened with five prospects at the Institution near Thomas H. Lucas' on the 19th inst. We have concluded that you had better try to build a house of such size as you may think best have a well dug fence built on the line between our place and Isaac's and your father's place, and a well dug also on orchard of about 100 or more trees of good varieties set out for we may want to eat fruit from them ourselves some day. Please do this as speedily as the rent will pay for it and pay you for your trouble.

We have thought that we will not sell the improved place and the timber that belongs to it. But the piece of prairie west of your field the timber that belongs to it - as it is in partnership with Isaac, you may sell if you can get a good price for it. We think you will know better than we will what price to put upon the land in partnership and what will be the best time to sell it.
We do not want to sell the lots in Monmouth (I believe they are lots 2, 3, & 6 Block 48) unless you think that they will bring a better price now than they will here after. You say that property is not as high now as you think it will be after a while and it may be less to hold on to the property if I had the money I could do well by laying it out in cattle and raising stock. Money is scarce here and hard to get. Stock is cheap from 5 to 6 dols per hundred beef 6 to 8 dols. Hogs are expensive to raise. Cattle cost nothing to keep them after you have them and horses the same if they are not used too much - if worked steady they must be fed. Oats grow fine here - can be put in the ground anytime from the 1st of Aug to the 1st of May. Sheep are worth from 5 to 10 dols per heade and do well here. American horses rate from 150 to 300 dols per heade. Wheat is rated now at $1.00 per bush. Otts from 37 1/2 to 50 cts per bush.

I have been engaged in a contract of surveying all summer. I have not finished yet. I was elected County Surveyor of Polk County last June. The office continues 3 years. So you see that my business keeps me from home a great part of my time.

Now brother, John, we should like to see that little Butler of yours. Elizabeth says that you were just right in saying that it was handsome because it looks like the Butlers but our babe is said to look like its mother so of course it must be handsome. James is growing finely. He is standing by my side asking who I am writing this letter to and I tell him to his Uncle John Butler. James is pretty large of his age andet a pretty black eyed boy. Robert is a very lively child. His hair is light and his eyes blue & fair complexion he is slender and said to resemble the Hutchinsons he is a great talker. Can say anything he chooses to say. Whenever James and Robert see the stagecoach pass they say that now we will get letters from the states from uncles & aunts. Father & mother Butler were here last week and stayed here they were both well.

Eliza you must write to us and tell us all about your children how the babe gets along and all about the improvements of the country olde neighbors and friends. Write soon
Your affectionate brother

Thomas H. Hutchinson

Mr. Hutchinson insists on my writing a little to you though I do not feel at all like writing I have been very smart except a pain in my shoulder and sick which has almost distracted me every night far more than a week in the day time it does not trouble me much I think it must be my liver that causes it. Now I do wish I could be with you tonight so that we could compare our fine boys. I am almost vain of my three little sons they are so pretty and smart I wanted Mr. M to tell you more about the babe but he thought it was too childish for him so he tried to get off by calling it handsome over my shoulders. He is so much handsome than any of his relatives that I think it great injustices to compare him to them. Now little Erastus you must send one of the prettiest names that you can find for this little cousin. Preckon it is hardly worth while to ask Laviner to send a name as I have asked her to write before and she did not send a single word back give my respects to Matilda also to Mary and Jimmy Granville and Isaac

Your sister and Aunt Lissie