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Letter to John Butler from William Butler

William Butler

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To dear mother, John, and family,

I hope this letter finds you all well. I have been ill, but I am improving. I went to visit the doctor, and he prescribed some medicine for me. I am taking it regularly, and I think it is helping. I have been feeling a lot better.

Yesterday morning, I received a letter from Victoria. She told me that she had been doing well. She sent me some money in cash, which I will use to pay the doctor and buy some groceries. I think it will be enough.

I am thinking of going back to work as soon as I feel better. I need to earn some money to support my family. Life has been tough, but I am determined to make it through.

I hope this letter finds you all well. Take care of yourselves.

Love,

[Signature]
Dear Miss [illegible],

This morning the air was very cold and it seemed like there was snow in the air. I have not been able to get a clear idea of what is going on in the country because I have been working on the farm. Dr. [illegible] has been out early every morning and the horses seem to like it. I don't know what it is like in Kansas yet. I expect he is in Kansas. I have heard something about it, but I don't know anything yet. He is a good man, but I have never heard anything but good about him.

The weather is very rainy and cold. The weather is very rainy and cold. We can not travel far in a day, but if we are able to do so we will try to gain a little every day which will take us home after a while. With great respect,

Mabel [illegible]
Title: Letter to Brother John from William C. Butler (St John Putnam City, Missouri)

Date: July 15, 1859

Transcription:

St. John Putnam Cty. Mo. July 15, 1859

Dear Brother John,

I hasten to write you a few lines when I last wrote to you I was verry sick but I worried along took lots of frosts pills bathed verry frequently in cold water until I got the fever broken. I think it was the tiphoid fever I got so that I could walk a little again. Victoria got to be able to sit up about one fourth of her time and Viola able to walk a few steps alone so yesterday morning we started again after paying out about thirty five dollars in cash to the doctor and landlord it seems that we have had hard luck so far but I am not disposed to murmur it makes me think of a song I used to sing in my youthful days it runs thus Afflictions though they seem severe are often mercy sent and so I look at it and try to feel content with my lot

This morning one of my wagon tines roled off so I am now having the tines all set on my wagon and bugy both my stock all stand it verry well so for except the bull calf he gave out and I traded him and his mother for a verry likely fiveyear old cow She is giving milk but has no calf I have not been able to get a grain of corn for my horses since I fed out what I started with but we turn them out every night on the grafs they nor the cattle have ever made any attempt yet to leave us I have never heard anything yet of Joseph I expect he is in Kansas before this

I shall have to stop writing for I am weak yet and am becoming quite nervous I am on the mend considerable. Victoria and Viola are stil mending slowly the weather is verry warm and dry we can not make it far in a day but if we keep able to do so we will try to go a little every day which will take us there after while.

Yours with great respect

Wm C. Butler