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Letter to John Butler from William Butler

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Dear Brother,

Allen Creek, Feb. 16th 1862

Much respected Brother, I have been a long time since I wrote to you, but I believe no longer time since I have had a little from you. I believe that letters are never carried on something it appears that my letter do not all reach their place of destination from some cause or other, but it is not to be wondered at these war times, but I will try another - it may be it will reach you. If it does I wish you to write immediately and give me the news of my friends and the country generally. It is a great treat for us to get a letter from you, and if any of the friends in that country would write to you it is for you to get a letter from as many as you can. There are many of the friends in the midst of friends and acquaintances and we are here all alone among strangers but we never have many good friends in yours with much respect,

Wm. Butter
This country is one thing I am not apprised of the fact when you write let us know if you can what has become of Brother Joseph. I have written two or three letters to him and have not received any answer the last letter I had from him he wrote that he had volunteered and did not know how soon he would be called upon to go into service.

This leaves us all in good health except that cold. This has been a very disagreeable winter from Kansas it has been tolerably cold now for about two months and snow and ice on the ground the most of the time but the day is quite pleasant and the ice almost gone, the snow and ice melting has made the streams so that it is difficult to get about through the country but that will not last to last many days. I sold six sheep the other day for nine ten dollars and fifty cents to pay the last cent that I owe in Kansas and

when I drove them to the main that bought them he said that they were much better than he expected so he said he would give me five dollars more. Though it is almost impossible to sell anything for more in this county we raised plenty to eat last season but have been weary tight men to obtain clothing and no other chance to clothe ourselves while the war lasts but to raise cotton and wool and make our own clothing.

John I wish you could see the old woman Victoria and Alice to see how much they have improved since we left them the old woman has not grown her clothes Victoria is larger than Josephine and very stout and healthy Alice has much better health than she ever had in her life only is fat and healthy full of life and can talk and sing enough for two common children John has been going to school this winter his school is out this week Josephine and
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John be sure to write when you get this I would be verry glad if you could come and see us but if you can not come you can write give my respects to all the family and tell them all to write that can write

I got a letter sometime ago from somebody about Camron making some inquiries about laying a land warrant but I can not give him the necessary information he did not assign his name to the letter

yours with much respect

Wm C. Butler