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Letter to Brother from Ira F.M. Butler

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Dear Brother,

I have received an order on John C. Davidson for the sum of $1000. I have presented the order and he paid seven hundred dollars and accepted the balance of the order which I suppose will be paid soon. I wrote to you about father's death and requested you to write about his business in that country, but I have not heard from you. I am not sure what to do. In my other letter I showed you an extensive plan for the sale of the real estate, which is intended to provide for any prospect that the estate may be worth. I have many thousand dollars in money to loan and I cannot live on the interest. I have no idea of your plans, but you should let me know what you have in mind.

I am sorry to hear that you have not written about the sale of the property. In my last letter I expressed the hope that you would be able to sell it for a good price. I am still hoping that we may find a buyer and I am trying to get a real estate agent to manage the sale. I am trying to sell the paper to the Independence office, but the demand for it is not as great as I had hoped. I am sorry to hear that you have not received any letters from Independence.

Our children are all doing well, some have come to Oregon and others are with us. The youngest one is still in the West. We are all doing well and I hope that the weather will be good for hunting. Our crops are doing well and I hope that we will be able to harvest them soon. My wheat made 35 bushels to the acre and I am happy that I was able to harvest 200 during the fall. My paper is nearly ready and I remain your brother,

Very Respectfully,

[Signature]

P.S. I hope you will be able to sell the paper for a good price. If any one of us was to die and leave minor children, there would be no chance to make a good title. Mother.
with him for land in this Country or not all the land that Isaac had there belongs to the estate. Father gave him 360 acres of land there for it, I shall write to you as soon as we make a division and let you know how much each here receives. We are all well and all the connection. I am sure I have not been very sickly since last summer we had a little story of sickness there your girls is putting up here now though it is in the Country in May. I have told my claim that I now understand and will move in a few days up to a section of land that I have bought in one and sixty miles of Maysville a place where we are trying to build up a School it is taking a Beautiful Start there is two here there and another going up and also a few other people are building and preparing to build Considerably. The school has about twenty pupils and a man of man would have more if they could get boards. I come to Oregon in about two years if you want to see fruit it heats any place there. I saw or heard of any fruit. That is apples and pears and while good for pears I have seen the largest apples here than ever I saw any where and the trees here so good. They will bear more two years from the time they are set in the orchard. People live more homesteads with
Dear Brother,

I received an order on John E. Davidson from L.L. Burbanks for thirteen hundred dollars. I have presented the order and he paid seven hundred dollars and accepted the balance of the order which I suppose will be paid. I wrote to you soon after father's death and requested you to write to me all about his business in that country but have not as yet received an answer if you have not written when you receive this be shore and write all about it. I informed you in my other letter that I have administered on the estate, we intend to give mother any property that she may wish and then about two thousand dollars in money to loan out so that she can live on the interest, and then after paying the debts funeral expense and expense of administration we intend to divide the balance that belongs to the estate that is in this country among the six heirs that are here and then let the four heirs that are in the States have the same amount per heir out of the property in the States and then we can divide the balance equal among the ten heirs. Mother and all the heirs in this country wish you to sell all the land in the States as soon as possible so that while we are all living we can make a good title you know that if any one of us was to die and leave minor children, there would be no chance to make a good title. Mother will assign her dower to the land there at any time, if you sell you can have a deed made out and send it out here for us to sign and acknowledge and or send out a power of attorney for us to sign. We cannot send a power of attorney now for the want of the nos of the land father owned some land here if we can sell it we will have to send a deed to Illinois for you all to sign. Edward Ground talks some of taking the land here. I hope he or some of the other heirs may take it though we can make no final disposition of the land here at this time for the reason that he claimed ninety acres that is uncertain whether he holds or no. he had a deed for one hundred and sixty acres.

Father said before he died that he thought that William ought to make some allowances out of his share of the estate for what money he paid for him. I have talked to some of the heirs here since and they say tell him (William) to make just what allowance that his is a mind to and they will be
satisfied for he knows more about it than any of the rest of us. we are trying to settle up the estate just as father requested us to on his death bed. Mother is living with Isaac Butler yet, do not be uneasy about her for she shall be well taken care of. write to me if Isaac Butler made a deed to father for the land that he swaped with with him for land in this country or not all the land that Isaac had there belongs to the estate. Father gave him 320 acres of land here for it. I will write to you as soon as we make a division and let you know how much each heir receives

We are all well and all the connection so far as I know it has been verry healthy here since last Spring we had a little flory [flurry] of sickness then. young grass is putting up here now about like it is in that country in May. I have sold my claim that I now reside on and will move in a few days on to a section of land that I have brought in one and a half miles of Monmouth a place where we are trying to build up a school it is taking a beutiful start. there is two stores there and another going up and also a drug store people are building and prepareing to build considerable. the school has about seventyfive schoolars now and would have more if they could get boarding. come to Oregon in about two years if you want to see fruit, it beats any place that ever I saw or read of for fruit that is apples and pears, but make good for peaches I have seen the largest apples here that ever I saw anywhere, and the trees bear so young they will bear in two years from the time they are set in the orchard. people take more pains withorchards here than any place that ever I saw. I saw an istimation from Portland the other day that Oregon would sell to Calafornia this year seventyfive thousand dollars worth of apples. Pork is worth $5 per hundred beef six cents on foot wheat $1 oats 50 cts butter 30cts.

In a few days you will know who is president of these United States but we will have to wait till about the first of January. I am verry ansious to hear for I think the fate of our Union hangs on this election and here we are without a voice in it. I would give a cow and calf for a vote at this election, and an Oregonian thinks as much of a cow and calf as anything else in this world of the property kind. I think that if the Black Republicans would send us some of Beachens Bibles to read to the red man of the forest it would do more good than to send them to Kansas. Tell the jReview to send my paper to Independence Polk County O.T. we are trying to get a Post Office at Monmouth when we do I will have my paper sent to that office. direct your letters to Independence our children have all grown considerably since we came to Oregon two of them are grown and the youngest can read in the second reador. Oh, how glad I would be to see you all. my wheat made 35 bu to the acre and my oats that I thrashed 60. corn ??? my sheet is full so I remain your brother
my paper is verry bad

Verry Respectfully

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