

January 4th, 1852

Dear Brother,

It has been some time since I have heard from you & as many letters mis carry I will again write to you for all my communications will not be very interesting for want of news. In fact my principle object in writing now is to again advise you to settle up your business as speedily as possible & return home. This in my settled opinion will be your best plan and I now again beg of you to so. As I have often asked why should you throw your life away amongst strangers I suppose I may almost say among barbarians when you are so well calculated to shine civilized life. You have many friends here & they will increase daily on your return. Among the important considerations you can clear more money here than where you are and at the same time enjoy life as it. When I write you in this way I take for granted in you as well as in myself there has been great changes in our ways of thinking since you left Dals. Thus for instance we are not to look for much genuine high toned pleasure in this life & yet we are not to be very miserable under any circumstances, in fact we must be some what independent of circumstances. Exercise a strong mind live like a shilosopher enjoy the moments as they fly none of them are absolute miserable while the minds in occupied, and let this generally be the case do something with a will write work or play & that is about the sum total of happy life. I trus you are fully satisfied by this time with california. From the laste I gather you have had of it it cant be very agreeable, so that I hope we may look for you home soon.

William has not yet returned home though I am happy to learn his health is much improved & ~~###~~ he is expected home on the 25 of the present month he is in good spirits I learn which is very gratifying to his friends. My crop last year was prety good & I ~~payed~~<sup>repoyd</sup> some money from the Parks property say three thousand two hundred dollars so my pecuniary affairs you see are rather brightening. Things in Cahaba about as usual John Evans & J. T. Carter are still on the list of Bachelors.

So I am hurried I must close this short letter by saying we are all well.

affectionately your brother

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