

Dear Brother J. Gay, 9th 1835

I received your letter
a few days since which affords me much
pleasure and satisfaction to hear from
you and to hear that you are well
and with description of the country
I am well please write, and also
whether I go to see you I want you
to have some purchases for me
to send, and kill buffaloes and
Bears. Maxwell I expect will go with
my horse may start soon so he has
a great intention to move to that
country.

I am sorry to tell you that the
old man here been so sick he have
been sick for three weeks nearly
with the gravel and very high
fevers, I have some hopes of his
living now, we had given him
out for dead he was out of his senses
for two days so that he did not know
any person and we thought that
it was the last of him he took
a start to mend and have been
mending ever since

I ~~would~~ should have written to you
before this, the waters were so high
that I had no chance to send a let-
ter to the office, the old man is in
very low spirits, when you let
us know to hand I read it over
to him and it seems to revive
him very much and laugh
very heartily at some of your
writing, scraps and common
use talking about all tales
and hunting scraps, what
the law says

I have not much order to
write to you all of the family
some in pain with the
the old man's wife little
I am growing every day
the children's, making very
much, I shall write to
you again by the next
mail and let you know how
all is and write all the news

I am your affectionate
brother
Thomas Fitzlynn

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