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Dear father

Judging from the style
and tenor of your letters one would think
that your mind was harassed with
gloomy apprehensions and desponding
reflections. There is nothing like sun
shine in the heart - it not only makes every
thing look bright, pleasant and cheerful
but has a happy influence on all
around. "never despair and when you
are in the right never surrender". Let
your motto be "hope on - hope ever" - hope
is a beautiful bird it comes to us in
our saddest moments and darkest
hours and sings its sweetest song; but will
not trouble you with these selections
of mine. I hope that you will succeed
in your business. I am confident
that you will. At least it is pleasant
to believe ~~that~~^{so}. Bye the bye you will
allow me to make one remark and
then we will talk about home affairs.
They say that old Bachelors and widows
are naturally cross grained - pe-
vish and petulant. The best remedy
that I know for these troubles & plagues

is a kind hearted wife. - she cures bitter
than one half the ills that life is "heir
to" Earth has no sorrow that woman
cannot heal.

Our relations so far as
I know, are well. I have heard of no
sickness in our family. Sister Lavinia
health I am glad to state is improving
she is now up and about. she has
had a hard time of it, but she is now
requiring her strength and health.
Sister Mal and the children are
well. Grandmother's health is
good. I heard from her a few days ago.
Bro Lury got home from where
pent a few days since. his health
is good. - his baby is growing finely
it is getting to be a sly fat and laye.
gal. Aunt Rhoda's folks are
all well. Peace quiet and
harmony prevail in the family.
our friend Hudson is very low.
quite sick indeed. I called to
see him yesterday he was slightly
better. but very weak - feeble
and not able to get out of
his bed. He has an attack of
the bilious fever. Your friend

Shmigyubee was there. he begged to
be remembered to you with love
old Mrs Dyer - Moses's mother
asks about you often and says
you must bring her bounty land
claim - you will please attend
to it. Mr Byington sends love
to you, he is well but on the decline
won't live long. old age is creeping
over him. He never recd anything
for translating the Treaty. He
requests you to mention this to
Gen Leoper who employed him
to translate the late Treaty.

Political affairs are still in
a deplorable state. no order -
no law & no peace. Murder ^{is} daily
occurred - a man was killed
yesterday near the depot. I have
not been to the Depot. (Substantiated)
in a great while. So much drink-
ing - so much fighting and so
much killing are carried on at
that place that I have kept away.
Lawless - murder and violence
are common things in this nation

The plantation is in good condition. The health of the negroes are good. The farm looks well. our corn is up and looks very pretty. Considerable alterations in the farm since you left. Some sixty or seventy acres of new ground have been attached to the farm. Your farm is admired by all strangers and envied by all the neighbours. How many very valuable and costly Books by the late drunken conduct of Mc Lane - the mail contractor. He deserves to be cashiered & discharged. All the mail for the nation was completely lost. Garden seeds all lost. This mail had been accumulating at Paraclyfter for six weeks, and the infamous Scamp would not bring it up and the Postmaster would not report it - The Baby Mary and love to you all - your very m