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July 16th 1860-

To
Uncle Peter P.P.

Herewith enclosed letter if by courier
respecting the melancholy event which occurred
in your family; - Probably you had better come
home or write to the family advising them to avoid
further similar circumstances. -

We are in the midst of gloomy fore bodings -
the soil of the Lehigh Valley is crimsoned
with the best blood of its citizen - Causes from
intemperate use of intoxicating drinks - getting
worse every year - I am inclined to the opinion
that our liquor penal laws needs codifying
& placed upon a more civilized form instead
of extreme Marine basis.

My Brother Wallace Nelson was shot down without
just provocation, under the pretext of having
liquor, when he had none whatever at the time
he was shot down - nor even resist the officers
who thought he had it. - when he was shot
down, his friends who stood by killed one of the
officer in the midst of excitement. The officers
have acknowledged that they took ~~the~~ his ~~the~~ away
from him thinking that he had liquor, & shot him.
We are trying the officers for such conduct.

David Harrison, Phelata & others have
slayed of old Black & his son Zeno, —
Some excitement on this latter topic. —

Wish you would see the Attorney Genl. U. S.
& get his opinion respecting the 7th article of the
Treaty of 1835, which we think pursues gross dictum
over white person married natives & residing
in the Nation. — Some doubts that it does, —

Leapt Dumas is running very well for the office
of Principal of this Nation — It is admitted that he
got it by large majority. — Hudson's friends say,
that you agreed not to run Dukes again — for the
reason that he would not run at the time you wished
him to do so — this is quite the reverse what you
agreed with me at my house last winter. —

Those of us are living enjoy tolerable health —
Very bad prospects for corn this year — No rain
for the last two months. — I believe your
flocks are all well — Tho' Pitcher was in
more the other day — he was well. —

I see your bill v. Gov. U. S. was killed in the Senate —
regret this — but live in hope — it will be good when
it comes. — I wrote you last Spring — received no
answer as yet. — Give my kind regards to all inquiring
friends — specially to Roach & Hottelmann. —

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Truly yours
Garrison Adams