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Dear George, Your brothers & sisters are all well excepting being some what indispensed of ~~had~~ Colds, which has prevailed throughout this country for the last two Months - But the blacks are all down with the fever - there are but three hand now able to do any work and nearly all our fodder will be lost; I have lost three of the black children within the last six weeks - two ^{that were} born since my return home from Washington, and one of Daws about three years old. Your Uncle Thomas is at this time lying very sick at Pickett's Station. It keeps me going all the time to attend on him and the blacks - I have had very little sleep for the last three days. There are no Physicians at this time in the country excepting Dr Fishback of Spencer - but for him but he was sick himself and could not come. So I have been compelled to act the part of Physician to your Uncle Thomas and all the sick on the place. We have had an unusual summer - never had I seen more rains ~~as~~ within my recollection than I have seen fall this summer. Owing to

So much rain & high waters is I suppose
the cause of the sickness among us.

To give you an idea how ^{much} sickness there
~~is~~ among the negroes, let me tell you there
is no one to catch a horse for one - Sam
is the only one to catch & saddle my horse.

Since ~~writing~~ writing the above Adam is
taken down for the second time this Sum-
mer. Every case among them is a hard
attack of the fever. I heard from your
Grand Mother Sam two days since - she
was ^{then} well. I have been so confined to the
sick that I have not heard any news
from the Country. Among the little
news ^{is} Simpson Folson & his wife have
passed in consequence of Sims getting
Sarah G. with Child - and Sam told
lead reports are sent upon the younger
Sisters. Adaline - has the character of
being the greatest liar in the Nation - she
told an awful ^{one} on me - she reported
that I went to Larings one night in
Company ~~with~~ ~~the~~ Martin Folson &
Caldwell to kill him so he &
was at Mountain Fork - and Caldwell
in the State of Missouri. & Martin

was at James Herkimer. Loring believed
it all. Dont you ever write to him.
His friendship amounts to deception & loss
gamblers cursing - Dont you ever think
that I ever will place confidence in him
again. Mal - married him contrary to my
advice and is now reaping the fruits of her
silly notions. Had you married Ad -
you would have got a little whore, for
a bed fellow if reports are true. Mal - I have
disinherited - she never will get any
portion of my property while I live and
not a cent of it after my death - I have
no property for a gambler nor for a gamblers
wife. I have the right to do as I please
with my property. Loring abused the Pritchard
family - the whole connection in several letters
which I have now in my possession, in terms
the most abusive, and finding that such threats
and abuse, had no effect on me he ~~did not~~
not frightened (which the poor fool thought
I would) he has since tacked about & wishes
to be friendly - I has made friends with Tom -
but I have no confidence in him & his
friendship I am not in need of affectionate
kind words to you by next mail } your affectionate
father. P.P. Pritchard

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