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Sept 13th 1843



My dear Sam

Your letter to me of the 6th & 10th says
you are all the greatest pain you had been awfully
sick - among strangers - and in the extreme danger of
your life - your ~~best~~ four eyes broken but you was
very much relieved anxious to return to me and
a long hard drive night and day and I have
feared a relapse - all these things prop up us
at all hours night & day We look of course
with trembling anxiety for the arrival of the
great steamer which will be here by the 18th most
certainly - you will be still better for a long
time I pray to cease taking medicine - let
your exercise be regular and gradually increased
restrain all your appetites but eating and that
undulge that frequently but sparingly at first
You had a strong constitution but the operation
with Dr. Mendenhall - Phil has been undeciding
you to take frequent doses don't you ever forgettable
anyway This illness may ruin you and
I beg you as you value your health to throw away
all your pills & other medicines you do
not require them - Be particular in informing
me how you are I pray God to bless and
preserve you

to us - by the way speaking of exercises for health
you have been informed as whether the Board with
the saddle ~~was~~ ever received. you ask me
to inform you of the progress of my enterprises
with the sailing line. The Mutual Safety has
been employed with occasional interruptions from want
of repairs - for I thank to this time on the Bridgeport
Route (and once in towing by which she made \$1750) she
made on that Route I think 7000 in ten months under
my direction. She is very slow and not in any
other respect an exciting boat. which proves how
indiscreet the arrangement made by George was -
The Ensign for which we paid 12000 will be
completed on the 15th inst. & probably commence on the same
route on the 17th. If she should be named which
is believed she will do a great business as they
will take the coffee as well as the Dan Paperbags &
freight so that Robert thinks she will make
20,000 a year. The mill cost it is supposed
in all about \$45,000. I am a little uncertain
what my interest in her is but I hear it is
contemplation of the market as speculation and
if that route is secured (operations can now
be brought to that road) to offer to take and
pay for on half of her and consequently to
secure on half of her profits which would
be for 8 to 10,000 a year - I will pay for this
half say \$23,000 either if I can see the purchase
either by a sale of my D L S R R Stock 600
at \$35 or by issuing to be raised a mortgage
on this farm. The latter I would prefer as my
stock will probably go up to 50 in a year

or two. However all this is very uncertain I know not what R &
G. Webster may be. The only inducement would be the indulgence
of so much ready to keep the alley in the eastern portion
between an other bridge which I think we will succeed that
is to settle the affairs of the Worcester R R by which we will
secure the Route and by find 60000 in its stock with little
more but which will be brought up to 400 or 500 of an amount
To do this we have been under the necessity of opening its
debts (which would have been 200000 at 7% interest) to the amount
of \$45,000 - There are heavy liabilities - But what is
the present very easy State of the market we can move
: ago - Should I get the great interest in the Ensign I
: tried to get much of my attention to her - I shall probably
go to Washington this winter to promote R & G's interest and
also to help the claim of the ship by French Spiliotis
before 1800. at least as to the last I have been
spoken to by several channels to go there to
attend to this business. I will soon
settle all these matters. My career
with the Congress which you have been occupied by the
: calls on my time was taken to the Court of Errors has been
been argued and will be decided in October
Robert Allen & Griffin think this is no doubt of my
success. The firm - being well at the the People
are not altogether satisfactory. The Proceeds are in
: increasing & will increase - and will be used as to
clothing groceries & wages living about altogether for the
produce - I am now serving services continually
The 2 year old horse brother & sister will be attended
than full and we hope to drive the two full brothers
during the winter he is now in my use and is
a very serviceable horse. He is large but very un-
: gainly. The ^{yearling} family is very fine. The last I think
of the three - we are all well but all
very anxious about you
God bless you dear son May I shut
the mill paid you a letter
Your affectionate father L J H

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