

*[Written by Charles Knight (1808-1838) to his brother Rufus Knight]*

Hermon July 11<sup>th</sup> 1834

Dear and absent friend

I take this opportunity to inform you that I am well and hope that these few lines will find you enjoy the same blessing I received your letter the 3<sup>rd</sup> safe and sound and am much obliged to you for the same and should be glad if I could have that money that Mr. Duncan owes for I expect to want it very much and do not see how to git along without it and if you would send it to me you would do me a great favour I should like to have you pay me a visit at Mr. Wilson's in Palmyra the first Sunday in Aug if any of you could make it convenient. but I expect you will be very busy at that season of the year I shall be under the necessity of borrowing some money if you can not collect it before that time I am very busily engaged and expect to be until after haying I expect to commence next week I shall work for Mr. Maddox after I git through with my own. I should be glad if you would send me a barrel of beef if you have a convenient opportunity and I will satisfy you for your trouble I do not expect to be down that way before Sept or Oct for I have more to attend to than I can get along with. Do not forget to write as soon as you receive this for I want to hear from you very much and the rest of the folks about there and what kind of a time you had independent day and all about the times I was at [Banon?] on the 4<sup>th</sup> and they had a great day amongst them the whigs dined on the east side of the kenduskeag and the Jackson [??] on the west it was expected that there would be bloodshed but the great fire which broke out on the 4<sup>th</sup> at about 3 oclock put an end to the strife it was said that the whigs had made an effigy and was going to shoot it and put it in one of the stores and put an end to it You must excuse my writing as I am in a great hurry you must read what you can and guess at the rest and so I will bid you a good by

From your affectionate

Charles Knight