

[Written by Charles Knight (1808-1838) to his brother Samson Knight – Betsey appears to be Charles' wife]

Hermon Feb. 27th 1837

Dear friends, is with pleasure that I improve a few leisure moments in directing a few [lines] to you to inform you that we are all in [passable] good health excepting bad colds we have all been afflicted with bad colds and have not got well of them yet but we are so as to be about

I have been as well as could be expected for an old man but was troubled with lame shoulder, the first of the winter part of the time so that I could not git hand to my head and pained me so that I could not rest in nights but I kept to work and wore it off some of the time I had to carry the [??] in my left hand we have had a very good winter for business since the snow come until lately last friday we had a foot of snow fall and the friday before about 10 inches which makes in the whole 3 ft. in hard wood land and not so much in black lane we have hauled 250 thousand and if the if the snow does not come too deep we want to get a 100 thousand more which will amount to \$525 we have had \$125 and laid it out in supplies and are most out now

We hauled the first four days 30M. but generally from 25 to 30M. per week I can haul a stick that will make 15 or 20.00 but it cost every thing to live \$30 per lb. for the best of pork 12 or 15 for flour and from \$1.12 1/2 to 1.50 for corn etc etc.

I have no news to write at present you must come up as soon as you can and see us and tell Samuel that Maryann says he must come and see us soon [as he can]

Yours, etc.

Charles Knight

Absent friends, as Charles has nothing more to write at present I will scrabble a few lines to you to let you know that I have not forgotten you, I should like to see you all but I don't know when I shall unless you come up here I have been pretty smart this winter the most of the time except one or two bad colds and it is well for me that I have been for wee have had a great crew of men here to work for; Mother is most sick with a cold, Elizabeth is as smart as a cricket she has sat alone sometimes she just begins to creep she and Mary has high scrapes here sometimes a playing Mary Ann is most impatient for her Father to come and bring her something Mrs Cushman was here to see us last week and her two oldest children;

Charles has discharged one of his men to day the snow is so deep he cant do much
a logging, I believe I cannot write any more

Good Bye

Betsey Knight

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We give one [man] \$12 and an other \$15 per month