

Letter from Charles Knight to Rufus Knight

Affectionate friends, I this opportunity to direct a few lines to you to inform you that we are all in pretty good health and have been for the most time this spring, I received you letter the 27th and was sorry to hear that you have been so afflicted with sickness I was most afraid to open it for fear I should see some heavy news but I hope when you receive this you will all be in good health and prosperity I have no particular news to write that would be interesting to you I have not ploughed any yet it has been so cold and wet I have ??? some but it is very we and bad work Last Monday was a very cold day so cold that by the middle of the afternoon that ice made on the oxens noses while they were at work and that night it froze the ground hard enough to bare the oxen We have hard times just make out to live and if I had aunt Lydia's cupboard to go to I should ??? rather ???

I have not got my pay from my winters work yet and do not know as I ever shall which makes it very hard for me as well as a good many others

That is all

From your friend

Charles Knight

Hermon

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Dear Sister

I take my pen in hand to write a few lines to you for I hate to send so much blank paper and Charles has got tired of writing. I want to see you very much we felt very disagreeable when we heard you was so sick and felt very anxious to receive a letter from you, and when we did receive it we was happily disappointed to hear that you go so smart and I hope that when you get this will be in kicking health if I could see you I could tell you more in one minute than I could write in an hour and now after I have written you can't find it out for Clirabelle is standing [she couldn't before the horse?] up by me a pulling and hauling my clothes, When I of think the folks to Lincolnville it seems as if I should fly, but I don't know when I shall be able to but I am in hopes to go in the fall if nothing prevents, it will not do to think of going these hard times, for if we can get along and get enough to eat we shall do better than some of our neighbours for all kinds of provision is very dear and poor folks has hard times this spring, you must tell that Mr. L to come up with you when we get into our two story house, I can't write much more give my lo9ve to all enquiring friends to write me a great long letter tfor the first time, good bye from Betsey Knight to Rebecca Knight