

Londonderry November the 27th 1827

Dear Brother I received your letter of the 20th of August on the 3^d of September
The arrival of which was considered late enough by myself, and
quite too late by father and the rest of the house: father in particu-
You scarcely had a sufficiency of time allowed you to arrive in
Michigan, before father called at the Post office: which he continued
to do ~~week~~ after week until a letter arrived. This is too high
wrought a picture of his conduct perhaps: but it perfectly shows the
anxiety he manifested, to hear of your safe arrival; his anxiety was
deserving of censure though in a father: but and your delaying to write
until the time you did doubly so. A week was certainly delay enough
We finished cutting our grain sooner than I expected. The 18 acre field
had on it 640 Dozen and the upper meadow 300 making in ^{all} 940 of
Wheat and some-where about 700 of Rye. Present Prices are Wheat
90 cents Corn and Rye 50 cents per Bushel. Pork and Beef 4 per hundred
We had 12 loads of corn off 19 acres and 60 Bush of Potatoes off 2
I made a trip to Philadelphia in the beginning of this month and intend
going shortly again I got 5.06 $\frac{1}{4}$ per Barrel for my Flour. it is at present
5.25 Cousin William and family are well - he calls his son Paul
Henry - he could not give me any late intelligence of his Brother
John. Of the rest of our relations I have heard nothing lately. The
marriages that have taken place since your departure from this country
are Philip Woffersberger ^{sen.} of Campbellstown to a Miss _____ an
old Maid of York County whose fortune amounts to about
1100 dollars and her age to 35 years. John Keenfirst to a widow from
Elizabethtown with two or three of a family and no fortune. And Lane
sweetheart James Todd was married last Thursday to a Miss
Catherine Setzer of West Granova. The only death of consequence
is that of John Mc Clure who died in August at his old residence
after an illness of but 4 or 5 days - he died in the evening at 9 O'clock
and was buried the next day at 2 O'clock such was the end of a
many old bachelor who in spite of his jollity through life made his exit

^{without a will}
unnoticed and unlamented. Intestate. Thomas Mc Elhery and Matthew
Barlin were acquitted the second time and Matthew was set at liberty
without bail but Thomas had to give security for his appearance at court
^{answer} to ^{me} for a misdemeanor: something I do not rightly understand. Matthew
works at his trade in the neighbourhood of Hummelstown and
Thomas has fell to farming. Samuel Karber Sen. has sold his
farm to John Wolfersberger of Campbellstown for forty dollars cash.
per acre. Karber is to live on it until spring a year, and is to get
the half of the crop that he puts out this fall and gives John
the whole that that he is to put out next fall — where Karber
is going to I cannot say having had no conversation with him on
that subject as yet: it is probable he does not know himself. What
Wolfersberger means by purchasing that place he being still considerably
in debt; is a mystery to me, and I believe to every body, but himself.
The Canal is to cross the Susquehanna by the erection of some kind of
a dam. Our Pennsylvania elections were pretty sharply contested
in ⁱⁿ good many counties from a variety of causes; but chiefly from that
of who is to be the next President; Adams or Jackson; the Jackson
men mostly succeeded the Adams ^{men} have increased since the last election
There is to be two democratic conventions for to form electoral
tickets: one on the 4th day of January at Harrisburg for Adams
and one on the 8th at the same place for Jackson — there is 18
Adams men in the House of Representatives. In New York Jackson
has ran almost unanimously. In Dauphin County the settled
ticket was Lamm and Dorrance old members and the Volunteers
were John Roberts and Jacob Hummel ^{also} Lamm and Roberts
are elected Roberts had a good majority over Dorrance but Hummel
was far behind. Henry Critzman is elected Sheriff having 79
of a majority over John Wallace of Hanover. Wolf third

In our own country the settled ^{ticket} was old Peter Shindle & Rudolph
Shirk: their antagonists Philip Wolfersberger and Charles
Gleim Philip is elected by 157 of a majority and Gleim
and Shindle are tied. Our box stood thus Wolfersberger 79
Shindle 17 Gleim 7 Shirk 3. I voted for Wolfersberger
and father voted not. What I am going to do next year I do not know
John Wolfersberger has one of Fahrenheit's thermometers and on the
warmest day this summer it stood at 98 ten degrees hotter than
with you: it ^{stood} the other day at 35. I will be very much gratified if you
give me a particular account of the weather this winter with you
in consideration of which I will give you an account of some of the coldest
days with us. Wm. Hammitton I understand has sold his place for
about 50 per acre. The white house with fifty acres he sold to some
person I am not acquainted with; and the rest to John Ginzrick
James Katoon left Campbelltown in October for Erie where he intends
to settle and follow his trade. Thomas Ducey of Glanover has taken
his place. Richard McBay died of a Nervous Fever. Walter Clark
is going to leave Palmyra and is at present gone up the River to
Northumberland county in search of a place; having partly given up the
notion of going to New York. Hammitton has an Idea of going to Frank-
lin county. It wants but twenty minutes of twelve o'clock and I cannot
think of any thing more worth writing but that we are all well and have
been so this some time past. So Farewell. Wm. Geddes
To John Geddes



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M^r John Geddes
Ann Arbor
Michigan Territory.

Campbellstown Pa.
November 29th 3

