

Campbelltown April 9th 1835.

Dear Brother

Your letter did not arrive to 6th of April and I began to fear it would not arrive at all. You ought not to wait on time or tide and I hope for the future you will endeavour to be even handed with them for they wait on no man. I have been more disappointed this time than ever for I called and called again but all to no purpose for two weeks past untill I was ashamed to ask the postmaster any more and had determined to inquire never again till I should be told that there was a letter for me. I was anxious to learn the fate of Agrippa who is our brother the son of our father at least if not of our mother and who from what I had learnt from other sources had not received a brother's reception, which is clearly confirmed by your own account. What kind of a trial was two weeks in a thing a person was wholly unacquainted with and more especially with a boy of so taciturn a disposition & so slow comprehension. Ought not the tie of humanity ^{as} have bound you to have given any other Son of Adam a longer trial and how then more firmly were you bound by the ties of a common parent. How many youths who might have become useful to themselves and others in the world if proper care had been taken with them: if the persons with whom it was their lot to be cast among had but borne with whatever foibles or failings they were by nature or habit possessed with, or now otherwise. God never made an independant man. We all have more or less to depend on one another not only in the ^{time} ages of helplessness but in the very strength of manhood as in proof of which look but at what would be the fate of any single person who should be placed alone on another earth like this. I ask again how can we more effectually honor the Almighty and promote the best interests of ~~man~~ which is the only way of honoring him for he only requires us to love and be beloved of ~~one~~ another that is affection than by proper encouragement to youths who ^{are} just starting in the world and how is that to be done. Why not by giving them rather more at all times than what is generally considered as a full compensation for their services; will such noble conduct towards any youth or even aged person not bring forth the whole strength of soul & body & would not the love beaming in his eye towards you the gratitude the zeal and satisfaction he would have in serving you compensate for that extra allowance a million of times; independant of the service you would thereby be rendering your Country by making a useful Citizen or your God by making one heart happy at least not many more which would have been the case in this instance. The extra exertions brought forth by such generosity would be worth more than the extra pay. That Sir is the only honorable way of getting 20 per cent for one's money; that is the way to make benefits reciprocal in a high degree.

What have you done, but the contrary; nay worse refused him altogether and returned
him back to me, who you know have already an host of difficulties and enemies to
to contend with. You approve of my course in suing Lawyers and dont it hold good
with any other set of men; in every thing else. Say Well and you will be served Well.
I have said enough; perhaps too much; if so what would be the consequence of reversing
the picture of showing the fate, a person left unaided and especially such an one
as most needed aid and encouragement to themselves with none to support
or encourage them - look at it yourself if your heart is hard enough for I
cannot. This wont arise in time but if it does give Agrippa \$50 if he wants so much;
on my account. Cousins Jane and Martha Geddes from Newville were down to see us
in January in a Sleigh with a young gentleman who appears to be much taken
with Martha. They were about a week here. Uncle and Aunt Cousin John &
family were Well. Eliza Mc Allen was also Well. It was at her particular
and repeated request that I should ask you to write to her that I asked you. I
would never have thought of intimating such a thing to her. I cannot recommend
her to you for dont believe she would suit you or any other hardworking man but
might some lazy Gentleman who had beath time and Money to spare and who
was withall hypocrite enough to appear Religious. I think she would soon learn
the Yankee practice of letting her husband fail the Cows and you would not
be very oddly mated in Michigan but still I think badly with her. You ^{know} she is
Slender and lady like and could hardly stand the strong embraces of a working
man. She is however possessed with good natural sense and more intelligence than
any of your Yankee Ladies. I wrote to Uncle James sometime in the winter
but have received no answer. I have not payed William, always somehow
forgot it but will shortly. I have no idea how he is coming on nor have I
heard any thing of any of his brothers except John of who a rumour has
reached us that he was broke down or in other words had failed; but how it is I
cant say. I heard it from our Newville relations. Thomas is in a Hardware store
in Philadelphia and gets \$300 finding himself in bed and board. Not very good
wages but they may improve if he pleases his employers. He is rather lazy. And
too much like Williams, not saving enough. W Sawyer has sold 190 acres of Grand-
father's farm for \$45 per acre the half in hand and the rest in \$1000 Gals. This was
unexpected by every one and several are much spitea about it going at that price. He
might have got I think \$50 if the people who want to buy had known that he was
determined to sell but I consider it well sold for there is neither wood, water,
or buildings on it what wood was still on it is nearly destroyed by the Caterp-
illar only a few trees remaining alive. They have been very bad these two years
past in this Country when I returned from Michigan it looked like winter
in our country the trees in many directions being leafless. Our wood was bare

the breadth of two fields from Wolfenburger's line down but no further and I will
but learn this spring what damage is done but I think it won't be very great
there was none in the last year. they attacked sawyers 2 years in succession. Stern nec-
-essity made him sell and several were waiting to the Sheriff would sell
for him but he has acted wisely once in his life and disappointed them. Now
he satisfied Mr Otter the purchaser about the title I have not learnt. I felt
persuaded he could not without his father's deeds which I still hold and
will as long as I can. He certainly could not give a good title without hav-
ing the releases of R. G. Graydon and uncle Joseph's children which he has not.
I am perfectly satisfied that it has resulted so favorably to him for it was
doubtful to him he was very uneasy and afraid of a different result: and his
all depended on it. for there is no doubt but he took Counsel about compelling
me to deliver up his father's papers: and well counselled that he could not tell
he had extinguished every possible claim which I had myself told him
that the law was open still as at first when he resorted to it to hold us out of our
just claims. If he had failed to satisfy Samuel Otter his purchaser he would
have lost him and every other and then his Creditors would have been
on him with a vengeance. But fate had decreed otherwise and I hope to escape
from trouble about that estate. If I had been attacked by him I was determined to
either go into Court and ask as father's executor to be discharged from that
estate as administrator and if I had got my discharge I would have deliver-
-ed up the papers to the Court and so been done with it. When Sawyer might
have claimed them and the Court of course would have decided on his claim
or I would have taken new letters of Administration which would I think
have been the proper course of law and proceeded on that estate like on the
estate of any other intestate or like us if there never had been a lawsuit about
it. When the land was appraised Sawyer could have taken it at the app-
-raisement and held ^{the proceeds} it on his releases if they were sufficient which would
have made his title good for if Joseph has got his share which would
have appeared when I would have made out the final account on the
estate and left no necessity for a release from him or any of his offspring.
And R. G. Graydon's Guardian could have released for him but as it is he
cannot. James will not call on you at least is so determined at present but will
be disappointed by young John Sawyer who I was yesterday informed secretly by a conf-
-ident of their had put off going to the Middle of May and James expects they will
start on Easter Monday. John has been courting these two years past Eliza Nettering
Adam's daughter and it appears they could not determine what to do till af-
-ter the first of April not to as I told my informant John was sore of his Cash to
be able to move with his father having promised him \$1000. On Saturday evening
last which you know is the courting ^{evening} as well as Sunday near Johnny bid him to his
sweet Eliza and lovingly told her all was ready if she was - what will not money do.
and to day week they are to be married.

but her ladyship could not get ready to the middle of May. I think it would
be well to draw on the holder of your money slowly during this summer for I
am persuaded next year will be the hardest for to raise money that has been for
15 years. Perhaps I might be to see you after harvest and should I would like
to have that money and lay it out in land somewhere for it is certainly much
better invested that way than the way it is; especially as times are getting worse and
it is certain to me that the total stoppage of the United States in 9 months
will make a crash that will crush thousands. So beware I warn you to beware.
My money is safe in your hands but I want you to make yourself safe and if
you have a necessity or reasonable excuse for to go upon you can collect money
but hardly otherwise. If you could get money I would certainly come and we would take
a trip and by a mile square somewhere and let it run its chance. I would like
very much to sell here if I could with safety and advantage but I think it would be better
to wait till next year and if the loss of the United States does no harm it will do good
so far it remove the dread all are under respecting its loss. 50 our land will bring
let times be as they may so the loss to us ^{is} ~~is~~ be great and the gain might be considerable.

Mr John Geddes

Col. ^{Wells} Will ^{Harwell} William Geddes

9 50
468
46

Campbell's Cove Apr 9th (25)
26 7 1835

Mr John Geddes
Ann Arbor
Michigan Territory

W. G. Geddes