

Londonderry August 3rd 1830

Dear Brother I have delayed writing till the last hour and can still scarcely persuade myself to my duty. I have been working without intermission since hay making and harvest began which has lasted longer than any that I can recollect of which was owing to the goodness of the grain crop which being extraordinary good; in all sections of the Country. Our grass was but middling. The grass in some fields especially those that had been mowed the last season ^{were} indifferent & in all parts of the Country; but those fields that were stubble fields were past common good. Various causes or rather conjectures were given. Some said that it was injured by worms others by the late frosts which hurt that in the old fields, ^{were} it being the earliest. We had frost later this spring than for many years having it occasionally nearly to the first of June; though but slight ones. The weather was also very wet and cool until about the 21st of June. Some of the farmers had half of their hay spoiled those in particular that are never satisfied unless they are foremost in every thing. We did not commence making ours till late and had good weather from the start which ~~has~~ continued so until the day we finished our oats which was on the 28th of July except that it was excessively hot for eight or ten days. The thermometer rose to one hundred in Campbelltown one day and was quoted by the newspapers as being at 98 in different parts of the State.

We have 1150 dozen of wheat; 333 of Rye, 450 of ~~Oats~~
The number of acres out was 44 in wheat 10 in Rye
15 in Oats. Harvest wages the same as last year. The prices
are Wheat .90 Rye .40. Corn .33 Oats .25 Beef per lb 5 cents
Butter .08 Flaxseed 1.00 Flaxseed Oil .80 per gal. Salt 2.62
per lb. I quit keeping school on the 5th of June and do
not intend to ~~resume~~ it; it not agreeing well with me
and the wages being too low. I lost during the time that
I kept twenty pounds of flesh. My weight at present
is but 145 which was neither increased nor diminished
since I left the school room; notwithstanding the heat
and hard work. What I shall do this winter is hard
to say; if I can get work in the milling line without
spending too much time and money in search of a place
I will. It agreed much better with me than teaching.
James Wilson was married in June to Miss Jane
Harrison of East Hanover; which is the only change
that has taken place since my last. Politics has
not yet begun to be the first topic on the Carpet but
shortly will and doubtless will be warmly contested
; at least in a wordy war. I shall take but little
part in the matter for in this part of the state there
is but few to oppose anti masonry. As it respects the
Sabbath Mail question I have heard but few speak
of it: the voice of the Country however is with Mr Johnston
but I am a more decided friend of a regular observance
of the sabbath than you appear to be. I am fully
persuaded that in a private or public point of view
the refraining from labour of all kinds would promote

the wellbeing of Society; leaving spiritual things
wholly out of the question. Man was not made for the
sabbath as the preaching of the whole of our Clergy
would appear to infer but the Sabbath was made
for man; for man's benefit not for God's because we
can not add to or diminish the glory of god. Is not
six days out of seven sufficient to supply all our wants
in a private capacity and why not in a Public one
Must we be slaves and that of our own Making!!!
Shor what for the blessing of life but who can
prove that to be a good; none but those that have had
the sense of pain will attempt it for fools. That much
might be done for the Christian part of the community
if it was but to strengthen the bond of our Union; if
any sect of Men said that government were desirable
of promoting their happiness so far as was possible; would
it not endeavor them to that Government. The respect of
opinion constitutes a portion of our happiness. It
is a day of liberty to me and I always rejoice when
it arrives. I am then as free as the Mountain air I
ramble wheresoever I will. I have heard nothing
about the Census of our Country and it is as likely
you will get an account of it in the Philadelphia
as soon as I will. however after supper or to morrow
morning I will try to get the german papers and the
result you shall have. We are all well but Thomas
who has been complaining of a pain in his side.
To John Geddes
Wm. Geddes



Campbells Town Pa
August the 11th 1830

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Mr John Geddes
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