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Dear Brother

This has been delayed by various causes but principa-
for want of any news of consequence to send you. I had hoped in the 9th
place to have sent the result of my suit with Sawyer which was to be
tried the 7th Sept, but was disappointed by my Attorney getting in a
Spec which disqualified him for business and the Case in consequence
was put off to Nov. term. which will no doubt continue for 4 weeks as
the last did and I believe most others in Dauphin County and then can-
not be tried to in December sometime. The term commences on Monday
next and the first week is allowed for state business: the two next for
the Common Pleas and the last or 4th for argument and Orphans busi-
ness: to which mine belongs: and to put you off to that time would be
too bad. I have put off going to the West "to a more convenient season"
on account of that trial not being tried when I had expected in Sept/
which would have given me an opportunity to do so from the 1st of
Oct. to the commencement of winter: as it will certainly be put to the
Supreme Court which will not sit to May next. From my failure
in Michigan to purchase and the doubts thereby created of the possibility
of doing so to advantage any where this season: owing to the very extensive
speculations and latterly the Secretary Circular I feel satisfied with
my repeated disappointments and trust that it may be for the best.
The Secretary's Circular is surely a bold measure and will have power-
ful effect on those Land monopolizers: especially if they have been
borrowers to any great extent. I was disappointed in not getting your opin-
ion of the probable effects of so bold a measure. I fully approve of its principle
but condemn him in not adopting it as soon as the deposites were
taken from the Bank: for if he wanted to adopt a Specie currency
why not do it at once and not substitute a set of worthless state banks till
the money accumulated so much as to make those pets unsafe depositories
If he had foreseen such a consequence it would be dishonesty in him to
adopt such a course if not he is entitled to no credit in its adoption
at present when it required no mighty genius to apply the only possible
remedy but was plainly seen by every one: that something must be done
not only to prevent the money from further accumulating but to make
safe the enormous sum already accumulated. I feel persuaded that if
that measure had been taken one year sooner that two thirds of the
land that has been bought since by speculators would be yet unsold

and that considerable more would have been purchased by the actual settler: to the great advantage of the whole Western country. If then my conjecture is correct the press on the money market made by this golden measure will throw those two thirds of speculators lands again into market at less than first cost: and better chances will be had to purchase next summer than this. Thomas arrived home by the way of Uncle James in time to vote for W. H. Harrison for president and found Uncle and family well. Was there four days if I recollect right. Uncle talks of visiting Illinois next summer. Van Duren has carried this state by between 3 and 4000. Lebanon County gave Harrison 321 majority and Dauphin 687. In Londonderry we had 123 majority for Harrison. I received a letter from James yesterday in which he says he has good health and had Cousins James and Thomas Pauls sons to see him: the first on Oct. 9th and the other the 15th Thomas has sold out in Path Valley and bought in Knox county Illinois and intends coming out in the spring to build and moving in the fall or next spring. James has also sold what he owned in Indiana and intends purchasing in Illinois next spring. The were much better pleased with the country than they thought they would be. Our Newvill relations are all well but Cousin John and he is a little better. Stepmother has sold and intends moving to Newville in the spring and live with Ann: where she will no doubt live contented and happy: at least she ought for she will have no diversity of interests to disturb her. There has been no sales of land this season here viz. first rate land and but a few of Gravel land at from 15 to 20 pr. acre And notwithstanding the almost total failure of the wheat and rye crops: higher prices have been asked than last year. Clarks were willing last year to 70 and this year it is said refused it. I suppose since last year they have been calculating the value of long and short payments and find that long payments reduce the present worth very much and for a low sum they cannot think of selling though it were cash. Sawyer asked 65 and was offered it is said 63 but has not sold. He wants nearly all in hand which shows that he himself is afraid of his title. He I have heard said is afraid if he sells for half in hand and the rest in payments to some person who may be a little twisty will keep both the land and money untill he makes the title good. Which he never can and consequently would be barred from collecting it at law.

The crops of Corn and Oats were fine. Corn is .75 Oats .45 Wheat $2.10
Rye $1.00 Buckwheat .75. Potatoes 37½ Beef 7¢ per Cwt. Pork
Same Butter .18 pr lb Tallow 10 Lard 14. ¢ Hickory Wood $2.50
pr Cord Oak $1.50 Stone Coal $4.25 pr Ton. I have no bills on
the United States Bank smaller than $100. so that I cannot send you
the $10. that am you at present. But will when you need it.
I have bought James's share of the thirds for $200 and paid him and
will likely buy Thomas and Agrippa out in the spring if my
means will allow. I have to make a final settlement sometime
and think this the best as I cannot well lose and may make.
Mary Fleming (her that was Mary Cathcart) was buried on
Saturday last after a long spell of consumptive sickness. Robert
Maddrap's Wife has recovered and is quite well the old mother
is still living. Sarah is in Ohio. I have a bad cold and cannot
have patience enough to continue to fill this side. Dr Samuel Wilson
is returned from Illinois poor in purse and bloated with
in person. Squire Philips is still disturbed by the annoy
in his newly acquired lodgings in the school house. J. B. Coleman
has departed this life. George Linneweber's Tavern Stand was sold
at public sale by his executors for $750. Cash.

All Well

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