

Campbellstown Feb. 1844

Dear Brother, Yours of the 24th Jan. was received on the 3rd inst. I had been looking for it for some weeks before because I have rented no house here and Spring will soon be here, and I was anxious to hear how you could suit us in Michigan. I suppose the Ypsilanti house will answer, your present tenants are like too many here, bad pay. Rents are dear with you. I think a man that was certain to pay ought to get a house cheaper than those monthly tenants, who it appears never intend to pay and so engage to pay what is asked. The wife dreads this moving very much on account of the youngest child, not having milk enough, she has to feed it on cows milk and that will be troublesome getting on the way. I have a Book of the Constitutions of all the states, and of course was aware of the time that I must be in Michigan to secure my vote, but I fear it will be lost to Mr. Clay for the weather is so unfavorable mostly in April. I fear I will not suit to live amongst such a showy people as I live in the plainest possible way and pay no visits. It dont cost me the half that it does you through the year. If we should have such a spring as last one you need not look for me before the 1st of June. But as we must move on the 1st April from where we now live, and should the weather be favorable we will hardly stop until we get to our Journeys end. I received a letter from James on the same day. He is well but does not mention anything about Agrippa. Times are very hard there, the wheat crop having failed and what they have is only 3 1/2 pr. Bu. and other grains in proportion. Pork is the only thing that will fetch money and that is about \$1.50 pr. Cwt. John Sawyer and family are well he has a family of three sons and a daughter. Ann Sawyer died last fall, she was married and left two children. They died of Consumption. We have had and now have fine sleighing, but still very little snow we had a number of snows of 3 or 4 inches and the weather is cold. My thermometer was down to zero on Sunday week and still keeps close enough to freezing point to keep a thaw away. There is not more than an inch of snow now and yet sleep in it fine. Wheat is selling for a dollar pr. Bu. and I was told the man had given \$1.05. Corn 40. Rye 45. Oats 30. Potatoes 50. Buckwheat 62 1/2. Butter 10. Eggs 10. Lard 5. Beef and Pork 4 1/2. Fallow 6 pr. lb. I hand on a

good deal of business in my office this year. I have collected
at least two thousand dollars, which is double what I done in
other years. But is a disagreeable business and makes enemies.
John Wolfersberger, born of this place appointed assignee in
Nov. last. His debts amounts to near \$2,000, and we valued
the property in his possession at a little over \$30,000, and the
sales so far have a little exceeded the appraisement. We
expect the Tavern stand and about seventy acres will be
to him and his family. His fathers farm at the Church is
sold to Benj. Hockett a Storekeeper to be owns Schwarz
property and keeps store there. He gives 75 per acre. \$8000
Cash and the remainder in two equal yearly payments. 163
acres and 100 perches. He intends putting his store in the brick
house and his farm in the old Store stand. The fine clay
will carry Pennsylvania. The rank and file of the Co^o are
not in favor of Martin Van Buren. Besides many of them
are firm Tariffites. A week or more has passed away since
I wrote the foregoing and we now ^{have} spring like weather, the
snow melting fast away and sleighing fast. I received a
letter the other day from Robert M^c Bay who lives in
Pott County Indiana. He says prices of all things are as
good there as with you. He also says that Alex. Graydon
now keeps a hardware store in Indianapolis and
is doing a fine business. M^c Bay is trading on the Ohio to
New Orleans. Robert G. Graydon I think is still studying
Medicine in Harrisburg. We are all well

Mr Wm Seddes

Yours well

William Seddes

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