

Stagsville N.C.

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to
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Hon Duncan Cameron

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My dear father,

This being Thursday our mail will be along and I prepare my weekly sheet.

I have had no letter from you since the one written the day after your return to the City from the Cape.

We trust that the mail at Fairbairn will bring us a letter written after you had gotten into your summer quarters at the Cape. I feel very anxious to know how Mildred likes her new home, and what is the prospect of its being rendered every way agreeable to yourself and my sisters. Especially am I anxious to know that something of good is being accomplished for Mildred's comfort.

My last letter informed you that I had had two chills by good care a few days of quinine some brandy and porter I have escaped the last two chill days Monday & Wednesday and with the exception of a little debility, am quite well. On yesterday little Annie had a slight chill followed by fever that lasted all night. She is out to day as usual. Rebecca & Mary and Master Duncan (Mary and excepting his sufferings from dentition) all enjoy good health. Thomas looks a little unwell and won't go out side of the door after tea; his fear of a chill is a little worse than mine.

We have had during the past four days a considerable increase of chills and of fever in the black families all around.

I sent Bogart into town to day to see some that would not be brought up.

As far as I know we have no one ill or likely to be
come so. Henry (our cooper) is suffering much with
a mazed foot.

With our ploughing & mowing we are yet choping
in the corn and ploughing cotton - all the wagons
hauling wheat - the 14 horse crop in - the 8 horse crop in
by tomorrow night - next in turn will be both with crop
before we remove the Masher to the Barn at 11 o'clock.
The wheat thus far comes into the Barn in good
condition and of fine quality. We will be well
employed if among some of the farmers you meet with
you can hear of some Machinery by which we can
take gash or the wild onion root of the wheat - it
is in all to some extent but worst in the Dittell
crops - I doubt if that crop can be made into
flour unless we can clean it of the pest.

Our fields have been seeded with the onion
by the meadows in our Revery, first the rich bottom
became set and now it is spreading out into the
fields. I shall by the mail of to day direct Mr
Kerrin to send out a wheat fan for yourself
and one for my Uncle's estate - they must be had for
both establishments. I shall also order out a barrel of
Tanner's oil - I want to get up the leather in August
and have my thing in making to prepare shoes for
the large family of slaves - I shall direct Mr Kerrin
to divide the charge for the oil between yourself
and the Estate. These things must be attended
to in season and as this seemed to be the best

place of getting along, I shall take the liberty of ordering the
articles named - nothing will be ordered unless you have
without your knowledge or consent, and if at any time
I go too far you have only to speak.

Dr. Cameron left us this morning for Raleigh
from where he will take his departure on tomorrow in
the stage, ^{for Fayetteville} I don't want down with ^{him} to bring the horse back
and to bring in an article or two needed here.

I am to leave the horse and setting in Raleigh by
next Monday week - that is 2nd Monday in August as
he intends returning here how long he will over-
stay I don't take his words as if he should certainly fall
in with you at the Cape, and also as it he designed calling
at the Fauquier Springs. This morning in the most delicate
way when alone, I remarked to him that he was making a
long road and would visit large cities, and that long as
his absence might be it perhaps might from some unforeseen
cause be returned even beyond his present calculation, but he
should find that his funds were likely to run a little short
it would afford me pleasure to provide him with what he
might need. ^{He} thanked me and as far as I could judge did
not seem otherwise than pleased if that gave me to understand that
he had enough for all his wants at least on this journey;

I sent my son's effort to go into the matter but I thought it
my duty to do so in some way after your letter and
it has turned out as I expected. And so have done
I hope don't believe.

I have been not a little astonished to learn that
the chief cause of poor Anna Kirkland's being
stayed at Raleigh was to hope that you would
invite her to accompany you and my sisters to

The note I have received that it had been a subject of
of conversation between Miss Bryant and some of the
Hollister and whether severely or not. She was rather
encouraged by Miss B in the conversation to carry out
the project it is said to Kalm in the hope that
her wishes would be accomplished. It will think
I am hard now to make out a letter. The thing
happened just to enter my mind in connection with
the subject just preceding it and I thought I would
just set with it. A review of Amos visit at Raleigh
by Mary's respect will confirm this representation.
Vine's had just come in from his tour - He says
that no one is doing any work engaged in anything to them
and says that view is wanted for a piece of work of course.
I shall set at hand, to preparing for a visit
next year as usual next week by clearing up
the pasture fields, and seeding early in August some
fields in Rye and winter pastures for sheep and cattle.
I fear I shall make some thing out of it. I shall
send Mr. Bonds and myself, one representing by
letter - he wants some acres of the ~~the~~ Kipp's land
and says he will not let little children but wants
I suspect a sacrifice made. He is making a great
sacrifice by keeping the plantation upon a sacrifice
of 10,000 a year. A letter by mail from Newport
last week, but I have given you the name of that
epistle - No letters from Mobile of course as yet.
I have thought much and I would write one or
both of my sisters but the mother's regard for
letter to you as one to them and I have a little
time to waste after I get all that I need for work

