

Tragville Orange Co Saturday Noon
Aug 14th 1847.

My dear Father.

Your letter of the 8th being no 11. I received this morning - all your letters no numbered have been received and I think duly acknowledged - if it has not been there with me it has been strongly omitted - he received no. 10 before you came to hand by a week! This is to be charged to high water.

We are all well of the White family - I wrote you a long letter on Thursday giving a detail of our suffering by the flood. I have no wish to repeat it - our loss in corn will depend somewhat upon the amount of decay in the grain in consequence of the ducking. I was at the Fish Dam yesterday - in one place I saw several acres where the corn had entirely disappeared - having fallen down - and so rapid had been the decomposition - that fodder stalk & all had been obliterated and incorporated in the mud.

Fields at all places secured against stock! I received by this morning's mail the enclosed sheet it will inform you that 86 more bales of the cotton has been sold. & I expect we shall soon hear of the sale of the other remaining parcel - 100 - bales

A letter from Sully by this morning's mail reports Fanny and Caroline in very bad health - the general health of the family good - a fine crop of corn & hay owing well - he writes discouragingly of the cotton crop - too much rain - wet - squares

falling off -!! I had a letter from Dr. Moore who
studies the Slaves - he says "such portion of
my cotton crop as he has seen looks remarkably
well, but unless they shall have a dry August
and September the crop will be very short
as it was then too luxuriant and in a con-
dition to be hurt by all diseases and insects
but must suffer most from rain unless the
worm should again take the lead. His letter of
the 29 of July - the general health of the family
he reports good.

I trust you will soon have the check of Part
Shrewsbury and Co for some 10,000. I am very anxious
to see you reimbursed.

I am so much taken up with all sorts of notions
that I do nothing in order. I should have in the
first place have expressed my satisfaction in
hearing that our dear children was so comfortable
and that Maggie was in such fine health - you
seem to be most of an invalid. take daily a little
good old French brandy and a little of the
best Port wine. It will do you good; let fresh flesh
and especially fat flesh alone.

After you have located my sisters at
Burlington what say you to attending the
"Cattle Show, in September, about the 14th
at Saratoga" N. York. You will be delighted
with the exhibition - and I should be pleased
if through the agency of Mr Robert Don-
-Aron or some other gentleman you may find
at that great gathering of Plough men

you would purchase either for yourself or on my own
account - "A Stock Horse" - From which with some
pains I might hope to breed a stock of Homesp
Horses and Farm Horses! He have bred from
tracing and his descendants so long that our
Stock is now too small and light. It would
be a good investment to with a view only to
improve our own Stock of Horses: & he would
be in demand through out the surrounding
County. I want also a young bull of the ~~Stock~~
or no-horn Devon - No one can tell even
with our keep and I say it is improving
What can be accomplished by a little attention
to these matters.

I have much to do at home or I would
like to be at Saratoga myself to make the
selection - No one can do it better than the ~~person~~
named - he has given much attention to cattle.
I am resolved if life last to have the best stock of farm
animals in N. C.:

... Before this is received Dr. Cameron will have
arrived at Cape May - I trusted to his care a roll
of engravings that had been preserved by my uncle
which I hope Mayes will have framed in plain
black wood; with a glass over each -

We have now intensely warm sun - a considerable
increase of chill and fever - especially on the plantation
in hot - No people are so promptly administered to as
the slaves of the two establishments when it is needed.
We give but little medicine - most of them some
cucumbers - some quinine, and Bone set & held

cherry without fruit.

I sent you a paper by the D. you will see that the Boston people are exciting a good deal of interest in connection with Southern Rail Roads - and will cause a good many false reports to be told and written.

May something of good come to my native land from these men from the Northern Hive;

Mr Green tells me that Gov. Strain has returned perfectly delighted with his Western travel - that he says he cannot remain in Cal. 5 years longer!!

To return to domestic matters. We shall need for all hands some 2400^{lbs} of heavy wool clothes to shoe the family - now about 890 in number. Hevorn has informed me of the coming out of 100 sacks of salt - he has sent out 200000 oil and the wheat faces - He has some difficulty with the R. Road Co as to the quantity of flour sent down by my uncle: he was right as to the number claimed and it happens that the Receipt of the Agent of Henderson is all in hand - to tell the truth!

We must take my letters as they are - written in haste too often - with my mind otherwise engaged.

With best wishes to my sisters & kind regards to Dr. Cameron.
I am truly & aff. your son. P. W. Garrison