

Stagnille N. C.
Aug 19th 1817.

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Hon Duncan Cameron
of North Carolina

No. 19. Sanson St.
Philadelphia

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Falmouth Orange Co. Thursday Noon.
Aug 19th 1847.

My dear Father.

I have but just this instant dismounted my horse from a very warm ride from Person and have but time to write you a letter before the mail is here. I find the white family all well here - at Stagville I found Miss Abby asleep having just propped through a chill and its attendant fever, this morning. Virgil tells me that day-before-yesterday whilst on a visit to the plantations in Wake he found 15 persons sufficiently sick to give each a portion of Calomel and Opium.

At Stagville they have several cases of chill - as we have at all the plantations: at this time not quite as many in your family of Mary as we had some days ago. In Person all well with the exception of old "Hamish" the Mother of Davy, she has had a very bad cold - it has fixed itself upon her lungs - and I should not be surprised if she is never again well - tho' the medicine given her has thus far added much to her comfort.

In Orange and Person we are busily engaged in repairing the injury inflicted by the late flood - a strong force on the Mill Dam in Person - about on half of the Dam gone - the water was over the bed stone in the Mill House in P. A strong force on the Saw Mill Dam on L. R. Mr Piper will soon have a parcel of hands at the End Mill, to do up some jobs as usual - not having been in any way injured by the late flood -

In Orange I am sure without any farther injury to the standing
crop we shall have bread enough for the next year - at Bham
it may be rather short: one the plantations in Wake I fear
they will hardly make enough - but even now we can't
say how much of the crop will be lost - we have had
a good deal of rain since the fresh - which has
done a good deal towards cleansing the corn and it may
be has saved some of it from decomposition - and decay
I have regarded it as fortunate that we have had several
pretty heavy rains since the flood - for more reasons
than one, but chiefly I think it ^{has} will prevent us from
being as liable to disease as we might otherwise have
been.

I have had no letter from you since my last letter to you
but suppose that you went up the River to Philadelphia
on yesterday the 18th!

I trust we shall get letters by the mail of
Saturday - we generally get all our letters on Saturday - either
by the mail or by the boy sent up with letters from Mr
Servy - on Saturday afternoon.

Nothing later from the South: my last letter enclosed
you my last Mobile letter and gave you my last intelligence
from Alabama.

In Person wheat crops all in the hands - corn
crops very fair - Tobacco nearly destroyed by rain -
The Cotton is I fear much hurt by the rain: it will
be a short crop throughout the County unless we
have a very sudden and decided change in the
weather - hot & dry.

By this time I suppose that Dr Cameron has fallen in
with you - if not near you - my best respects to him

My sister Mary I expect will find a letter from me written
on last Monday morning on her arrival in the city.

The last letter from you was addressed to my brother: all
getting to hand according to number.

I have nothing more to say.

I love you all $\frac{1}{2}$ right & day.

Yours affectionate son

P. L. Cannon