

Fairbank, Oregon, Sunday, afternoon
My dear Father, Aug 22nd 1847

Your letter of the 18th being fully was delivered here
last night after dark by Virgil from Raleigh each letter is
heartily welcomed -

It found me in bed with a slight chill &
I did not leave it until after one today - presently re-
maining under cover to escape Mosquitoes, I did
escape my own now ring with the quinine - and I
have been beset in perspiration for the last 7 hours.

I am here alone Anne & the little one, gone on
a visit to Miss Lotby - Thomas on his way home
from St Marys or at his friend's house -

I wrote you on yesterday by the Hillsboro mail
and reported a good deal of indisposition in the black
family - Dr. Hicks & Mr Tate both here with me for three
hours this fore noon - The Dr. to see Mrs Papp & daughter -
they told me that old Man Dany was very ill last night
at The F. Dam plantation - thought to be much better
now - This is the only case in which Dr. H has been in
to see for months - of our people - The Dr. has a strong
healthy young man by the name of Simmons had yesterday
before the F. Dam in his own skill - This looks bad.

Mr Tate came to tell me of his success in getting
an order for the repairs of The F. Dam bridge
to be let on the 1st of September

Mr Tate thinks with me that nearly all the corn
where the ear has been under water will be
worthless - but "Phill" says otherwise and if

he is correct our loss in corn will not be so great: "He says 'fresh or no fresh he will have more to live off the next year than he had this' - I hope he may be found to be 'O. K.'! Phil reports fully in regard to his boys this morning - at Jones, Hunt & Peats the loss is very inconsiderable - at the High Down the loss is not yet known it will be 'he fear very smart', boys have not been combed since the fresh.

I am at all times glad to have you here - nothing gratifies me more - but I would by no means have you come now. You could aid but little in what is going on to put things straight and my sisters would be unwilling to part with you - if you had not made up your mind on the matter I should at least say this much -

Should all keep up as well as they are at this time the most of the repairs will be completed by the last of September.

And with no further disaster - enough will be provided to feed & keep all -

You asked me some time ago for an estimate of the quantity of wheat made - say in Person - 2000 bushels, fall the crop, in Orange 2000 bushels, fall the crop, in Wake 500. bushels, fall the crop, - a dear loss at Snow Hills & Bobbitts of 1000 bushels - This we could have saved if we had let the oat & Rye crop alone getting up the wheat crop first - which good judgement would have ordered ^{oats & Rye} ~~all~~ being on high land - safe from any flood -

I will never trust the low ground, again

one hour longer than I am obliged with the fruits of our
Labour.

Monday morning - Aug 23rd

A heavy shower drove me into the House last evening from
the office - a great rain fell here last night - Thomas
got in from St Marys a little damp - Anne & the little
ones returned just in time to escape the rain - Anne says
Miss Abby escaped her child yesterday but looks I
say she is very pale - A child from the Fish Down
was at Stagsville whilst Anne was there - the mother
being brought up on account of a very sore foot. I say
the child died with a convulsion or fit caused by worms.
Thomas tells us that Mrs Mrs Kirkland is again very
ill - I fear she will die - and leave her large
young family -

I have no doubt you ever would please to see Mr
Clay at the cap - he has shown himself great in
victory - great in defeat and great in grief
and I wish his countrymen would now reward
him for his long & well spent life in their service -
But the Presidential office would not add "a hair
breadth" to his fame - but he would do much in 4 years to
make his country greater. I see that Mr Clayton met him
at the cap - Mr Dewey sent me by Virgil the Charleston
paper - I see by it that Mr. Neill had his 2 bales of new
letter in the N. O. Market by the 7th of Aug - 2 days later
than last year - the boy is said to give better samples than
the first bales of last year. I have slept late this morning
and have not yet taken my breakfast - nor do I feel
much wish for food. It looks so much like rain now
that I am almost afraid to stick Virgil back to

Raleigh - He tells me that all of the servants on the lot
enjoy good health - that Mary & Eliza sometimes walk
over - he had a letter from Mary by Saturday mail
she says that neither herself or Eliza are in good
health - Mary seems to be suffering from dyspepsia
she is not able to retain her food - Eliza
suffers with her head -

Miss Jean Miller has gone to Jones Spring
in Warrin - and John Lyone requested that his
daughter Bessie should be sent with her & she
is now absent as Mary writes us from Raleigh -
I suppose John's wife has her way about these
things - he lives like me either in the present or
in the expectation of a large fortune. I fear he
will make but little provision for old age or his
children -

If able I would go to Hillsboro - this week
to obtain an order for the repairs of the bridge
over little River and the Stone Bridge at Stage
but I will hardly venture - I think of accomplish-
ing my wishes by a letter to Col Jones who is
at the head of the Magistracy of the County or
Chairman of the Court -

All unite with me in love to my dear
sisters and yourself. your aff son
P. L. Garrison