

Clinton June 12. 1850

Dear Hobart,

Mrs of the 4, reached me this evening. I  
lose no time in answering it and enclose my name  
again after. I have sent twice before, Preston you have reci-  
ved the last one before this time. I also sent you my name  
in blank for your use, you have not acknowledged the  
receipt of them, I wrote you fully in my former letters, that I wished  
you to pay for my Lindsies and send me the balance of Chancery  
and dollars, I am truly rejoiced to hear that Lydia is as  
improving in health if she can get along until this fall  
and spend the winter at Cooper's well, I think it would  
restore her entirely to health, as the water is as good in the  
winter as in the summer, and we can make it very pleasant  
there for her. I think we shall get a cottage there  
which we can retain all winter without any additional  
expenses. I have invited Martha out, I have not heard from  
her for a week, she was sick in bed when I last heard her  
suffrings are truly great, I think Bronson's doctrine is that  
the suffrings, and enjoyments of the human race, whether rich  
or poor are equally divided, I am disposed to suffer with  
him, My own suffrings are considerably but I think Martha  
greater, Preston very big thinks they have their full share.  
My health is totally restored altho I have not regained my  
health, we are all enjoying good health and I am able  
to eat what is set before us without the question, we have a  
fine orchard, plums in great abundance, a good garden plot.

of vegetables, of every kind, and Albert finds Cheeky, butter and  
bacon in abundance, which helps us in our living very much.  
He is the most affectionate, he is really about the best young  
man I ever knew. The river is falling very fast, and has been back  
in its banks for several days, I suppose the danger is over  
for the season, I saw a gentleman from our neighborhood  
to day who lives on the Mahone's beach, he said they were plan-  
ting cotton on the water falls. I do not know whether Albert has  
planted any cotton since the fall, I wrote to him about the time the  
water commenced falling to plant every acre of the overflowed land  
in corn. He said the cotton is growing finely, will have blossoms by  
the 15. He said the crop is good for 200 bushels, and if a favorable  
season from then that we may have the worms it is perfectly  
healthy on the River, I do not know any thing of Albert's wish  
for the future, only that he is more than anxious to make a living  
you can not imagine the difference it made in his feelings  
giving him an outlet, the last time I wrote him, I asked him  
if he wished to spend the summer in Georgetown, that I wrote  
him have money to bear his expenses, if he had any notion of  
a certain young lady, it would be useful for him to go up on  
that business as she will be about the time of remaining  
on the river all the summer, but I intend getting an audience  
up with me in about two weeks, and return him until  
fall, I am afraid for him to remain there until we are ob-  
liged to attend to him in case of sickness -

In Breckinridge, we shall  
like Clinton pretty well, we have fine schools, and I  
think the boys are doing pretty well, Tobey is reading in  
Virgil, and William is studying pretty well, but he is a

little to fond of the girls & is something upwards of  
six feet, this is a late growing place, Breckinridge will be  
about my size - The crops in this County are the poorest I ever  
saw, I think we have had no rain for the last five or  
six weeks, and this is a very thirsty country - I understand  
the crops in Warren are improving, it has been reasonable the  
Thursday evening is not game yet, Brown and Johnson both in Vicksburg  
have lost twenty three negroes in a few days with cholera, I understand  
it is in some few plantations on the River, pretty much of a crowd  
at Copps well, it is said to be making some grand cases, there is a  
well man in town that is used to drink, and by the Doctor said to be as  
good as beer, we have used some of the water, I intend using it con-  
stantly, and see what it will do.

When I come to make a close calculation  
I find that four hundred dollars is about as little as we can  
along comfortably with, should you have sent the money before  
this reaches you, you can make use of the bill to enclose and  
send me another hundred in July - I hope I shall be able to  
pay forty dollar I owe thy esp. except the Com. and R. Bank of Ohio  
I understand that Doctor Duncan says he will put up that  
office at Gentry himself, of there is no other chance, there are a great  
many very much interested, the house will be put up, I am in hope  
I shall be more certain of making crops every year,  
I suppose you follow my example and write longer letters when  
you have any thing to write in next and often, Endora French  
lives with us - not very smart, really dull for her opportunities, pretty  
good looking, rather coarse, not a good disposition, nor in authority  
I hope to hear very soon from you, my best love to Louisiana and the  
children, mention me kindly to Ann, and family. Your Brother

A. Wilson

Broadland  
Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 56

Dear Tobias

Sister will show you how to fix these transfer pictures. Some are for Daniel and you. Did you get my letter I sent you in Mamma's letter. papa and aunt Sair came on Wednesday we were so glad to see her and papa too. papa has a letter for Mary from Bessie she says she had noughting to do and she would write her. they have gone to the depot for Leslie Woorhie. tell Sister I think she will write to me. I and so most Mamma I think some <sup>one</sup> will write. I have not had a letter.

since I have been out here  
and you must write  
to me to and dont forget  
to tell Mama and Sister  
to write.

~~Yours truly~~  
~~James J. & Florence Seaman~~

Mittie some of  
the pictures are for Daniel



Wm. Tobias Gibson  
Lexington  
Maine Kentucky

Owen - House  
W. C. D. C.  
Octo 12th 1866.

Wm T. Gibson  
Lexington.

My dear Sir

Mather got here last night. He has deposited the "Board's" wait C. P. Alwend Esqr - Pres't of the Bk of N.Y. He says, he was offered 95, but would not sell after he saw the instructions. I said ~~he~~ I would have seen he said, he had written some time ago to the "Board" for instructions; but, not getting an answer to his letter, he would not sell. I fear the terrible storm in which the "Evening Star" & many other vessels were lost has reached &c. & protracted the case. Mr. wrote on the 2d inst. very hopefully about the Sd. crop. The elections having gone, as I found they turned, our future looks gloomy indeed. I am still working at my claim. The Board will examine Faun to day. With kind regards to all friends. Truly yr. W. C. M.

Louisville Sat. evening July 14/14

My very kind friend.

I had but just taken my seat a few moments ago for the purpose of acknowledging the receipt of your very welcome letter of last Saturday, and of attempting some expression of gratitude for the kind interest you manifest in my present prosperity and future prospects, when my brother handed me your favor of yesterday. My indebtedness has therefore doubled itself within the last quarter of an hour, to liquidation, of which I send you this slender acknowledgment of my heartfelt thanks. That this evidence of your continued friendship and renewed expression of regard for my welfare has not gone wholly unappreciated, though I have but so long in memory of it, I can assure you that your former letter was not laid aside before I had read and reread its contents, and become deeply imbued with a sense of my great debt but still greater good fortune in possessing such a friend. If there is anything beyond the mere desire of reaching a certain goal calculated to heighten the ambition, to increase the energy, and at the same time to render more than doubtless pleasant the endearments of one who has hardly yet reached the first round upon the ladder of fame, and is but just beginning to estimate correctly

Mr. Miss Stephen  
Atington

July 14/14  
Frankfort Ky



the difficulties of its ascent, it is the approval and kind consolation of those whose friendship we value and upon whose judgment we can rely. That it may never hereafter appear that your interest in my well being and wishes for my future success have been misplaced and rendered useless, let me express a sincere hope, that from the application of a title, pecuniary by many years if not wholly ridiculous, I must beg of you to desist. You will see upon the catalogue that my name is placed intermediate between those of the faculty of our institute and that of the junior, probably a little nearer the latter than the former, so that on no paper I can lay no claim to anything material beyond the dots - dots - and for this I have no shackles.

You have no idea of the extent of sympathy existing in our community for your misfortunes in Lexington; every mail is anxiously waited for by numbers throughout the city; passengers by the stage are beset with questions, and the first enquiry in the morning is, what is the news from Lexington. You have no sincere hopes and wishes that you may soon share with us an almost perfect immunity from the terrible calamity that is afflicting so many parts of our western country.

Since your hurried passage through here, I know of nothing that has occurred worthy of mention. Our mutual friends are, as far as my knowledge extends,

all well, and have every prospect of continuing so. Their great trouble is that you in Lex may not fare so well.

With the wish that you will present  
one to the different members of your family  
I am yrs &c

J. S. Richardson

Your commissions shall be faithfully attended to during the coming week when you may expect to hear from me again.

Copys

Lake, Kentucky Aug-14-65

J Gibson Esq.

Dear Sir

There has been filed  
in the Fayette Circuit Court a Suit  
Styed Neal McCann Plff v. J. Gibson  
The Plff states that you are indebted  
to him in the sum of \$1500 evidenced by Note  
dated Sept. 20 1860 & due July 1. 1861.  
Said Note was payable to Wm Howe  
& assigned by him to Plff. & that said  
note is now in the possession of Plff's  
Agent who is absent from this Co. &  
he is consequently unable to file the note.  
He states that no part of said debt has  
been paid. He retains an attachment  
on the ground that you are a non resident  
of Ky. The Court appointed the Corresponding  
Attorney for you & it is my duty  
to inform you of these facts. You can  
serve me your defense & I will attend  
to lay things you wish done in the matter.  
Yrs truly very respectfully W. D. Boswell