

My dear Son

Washn. 3<sup>d</sup> Dec 1851.

The day on which I last wrote to you, I rec<sup>d</sup> your first letter, and I have this day rec<sup>d</sup> yours of the 27<sup>th</sup> ultimo transmitting a Copy of Mr. Dawson's letter and a copy of his a/c. He has made two wrong charges against me, one of \$250 which I never I think rec<sup>d</sup> and the other a charge of commissions on money not yet collected. Be pleased to take care of his letter and a/c. I wrote to your mother the day before yesterday, and enclosed to her a check for \$150 on N. York made payable to your order.

If when you make your last killing of hogs, you could buy butchered 9 or 10 in the market, weighing from 160 to 180 lb, it might be well enough to buy them. Otherwise we can buy bacon in the Spring.

There is no essential improvement in my health. I attended the Senate on the first day, which was fine, but did not yesterday or today, because it is very blistering.

It was very well to get rid of wintering the old brown mare. My love to your Mama, Mary & Thomas & his family.

Your aff<sup>l</sup> father

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