

Wenough. April 20. - 1853,

Dear John,

In your last letter, dated Jan<sup>y</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1853  
You state that Wm. would leave for the  
States Feb 1. to 15. I wrote you at once. And you,  
no doubt rec<sup>d</sup>. the letter about this date, but not  
feeling quite well. I have just returned from Tra  
I thought best to write you again not that I have  
any news of any particular importance but being  
alone & it being raining & bad outside. I do it  
partly to soothe myself & partly from a belief  
that you would like to hear from me & mine &  
yours. This coming, I am a little disappointed that  
I have not seen Wm. or heard from you before  
this. But circumstances have no doubt, prevented  
his coming & your writing. I am content, =

As to you alone, I am alone, that is as  
usual. As to the Sykes, Lids at Pullen Bridge  
has all the land out there & keeps the house which  
by the by is a good one. My large & formidable good  
youn to the bottom, & little John. Although he belongs,  
has hardly come near the office he likes riding &  
fodder much better, than sitting up old cots of  
3 or 4. Was standing = You may with my full con-  
= sent show Wm. all I write but you have,



Not my permission to write it back, nor, or put,  
it where any one else, will write it back, or it  
can do no one any good & may do injury, to some  
one, if not to me. Now I said before you alone &  
then to you when Sykes was, & by you Sykes &  
my son George are at Wampum. - John B. & Pullen is now  
sick at Sykes & has been for one week. But he is now out,  
of danger. Mrs. Abbott, will be home in a few days. But  
will not be able to attend to business for some time.  
and will have me to sweat & struggle alone for  
some time longer, although, he having assigned  
down my work lighter than it otherwise would be,  
but I would like to be but if I could come out -  
with my own. - Since I wrote the above, Mr. Sykes has,  
come in although it storms & has all day now, 6<sup>2</sup>  
O'clock, he is wet & cold I took him around &  
gave him a glass of Brandy & he has now gone to  
get his tea. Put out his horse &c. Pullen is in  
an awful tight place much tighter than he  
seems to realize on a large amt of money &  
owns a large amt of Real Estate. I think,  
Road Stock & has a large amt. due him.  
If all was right would be very rich. But  
the failure of crops has made the farmers poor &  
they can not pay. No change of property & he can  
not sell his land - and no one can bail him -



the sonas, do not pay. therefore his place is a  
tight one. And it being so, & I being embarrassed  
by property in his hands, & he having mortgaged  
all up & assigned loans me in a bad place.  
that I hope to get out at right but it is un-  
certain. When or how well, I rec'd a letter from Mary  
a day or two since she & the family all well, that  
Hannah has left for California. & has left Mr.  
Duff in charge & wrote her to keep so, as it is risky  
putting property into hands to hide it in,  
it, & often stays hid when we can not find it,  
that Woodruff family are comfortably off although  
on much Woodruff pleas poor. I have not  
seen them since this year. &  
that is Oct. 18, I see O'Neilson  
farm at Bellog's corner, I go  
with me going to school, - &  
able I. Once in awhile but not  
to have this concern this sum  
shall go. What I shall  
I. Am tired of hard work, &  
& County generally healthy. Am  
is dead, so - & the, Make  
is now ready to be buried & I  
from you, as I am ready to go to  
other place I can get to, if I



the business of two Men, when I get them I have a  
good prospect of making something for Old age,  
which I already feel. Or, I don't know, I am spectating  
on, to write this by candle light but. My general  
health is good & I think if I could get away  
from here I would be quite well. — & shall,  
in no doubt soon, as the weather gets settled, —  
Lemina & Henry, & last, but not least, Harriet & Mrs,  
all kind of love to you, no town news, that is  
will pay for writing —

Yours Both  
George