

Please
Hear from
you as soon
as possible

Lanesville March 4, 1865

Dear Brother and sisters I received your
yesterday and I was glad to hear that you
are all well the same as we are all
at present I am glad to hear that are
doing well and that Highhead is going
to be quite a place Dear Brother you mention
to me what a man could do with \$1000 if
I will tell you you can buy Government
loan or Bonds just as you want to
call them there are a safe investment
and they will pay you seven cent and
three tenths of a cent interest and you
can draw your interest twice a
year and receive them into money
at any minute and first place you
get ~~the~~ two pound for one and that will
give you about ten thousand dollars
and your interest will be two dollars
per day and all the United States of America
for security our gold is worth 2 dollars
now it was 3 dollars 2 months ago and
soon you get a sum of these Bonds better
it will be for you for gold is going down fast

I Bought a vessel about a month ago
and last week I sold Her and made
200 dollars on Her and next week I am
going to invest my money in Bonds
and I think that you can buy them
in Liverpool and if not I will do the Best
as I can for you Dear Dear Brother I
Suppose that you have heard about this
great war between the North and South
I think the rebels are on the East legs
and that what makes the gold ^{come} come down
we have got all the sea coast and there soldiers
to our side in hundreds the times has are
good About my children I have 6 in number
my oldest Boy His name Thomas after
our Dear Brother He is 15 years old last month
and he is stout and noble looking and
He wants to come and see you and
if you let him go to school I will let
come my next is Boy his name is Ernest
he was 12 years old last month the next
is girl name Elizabeth Jane she is 9 last
August next is Boy name William Henry
I last August next girl 4 years this
March and the Baby is 1 year old last January
we have not got name for him yet

and if you got any particular name
you should like to call them please
let me know. In regard to the prices
of things. Coster. Prints Best 30 cent per year
Wool per lbs 80 or 90 cent. Flour 13 dollars per
Barrel 196 to Barrel Butter 55 cents per lbs
Pork 25 and Beef Steaks 25 Cent per lbs
Eggs 25 cent per dozen Potatoes 100 dollars per Bush
Indian Corn ~~200~~ ^{2 dollars} per Bush Hay per ton
40 dollars Horses good working Horse
200 dollars good Cow 100 dollars I keep
one cow myself. She is worth 100 dollars
and she give 15 quarts of milk per day and
I am raising her calf I own a good Horse
and 1 acre of land 1/2 of Boate 400 dollars
My Deer worth 3000 dollars I own the whole
of the one I sold she was 42 ton and other
is 64 and the Boate 5 ton Dear Brother
you say that you come and see me if
you could complete the journey in 2 months
that you can do and ^{stay} three weeks here I should
like to see you very much I am anxious
to see you next fall if gold come down
to the value of paper money that is all
the reason it did not come last fall I have
not got the Box yet now I stop per day or two

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Now I commence again I have been
waiting for the Box and now I have
got it things are coming down
I fast hear now they have fell
20 per cent this last fortnight
in regard to this Sulphur case that David
Send me I am going to try and make
sum paint with it if I can the first
I got from home I got patten on it
and now I sold out for fifteen hundred
dollars my wish is to get some paint
that will keep a vessel bottom
clean from barnacles and grass and
if you know of any thing that will do
it please let me know please inquire
around and if you do I will pay
you for your trouble and if you can
find by paying 4 or 5 pounds I will
pay it we send our Best respect to
your little boy you can find
all about this loan in this or this
space of paper Dear Brother please
Send my love to the paper the London
times & yours
Ever yours
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