

Carlisle Barracks
May 31st: '50

Dear Friend,

Why have you not written? Indeed it seems unkind, unfriendly to let so much time pass. But I must believe there is a cause, and I must fear that you are sick: we heard that you were indisposed.

I have written to you frequently but when, or what, I can scarcely recall:- (except indeed that I wrote for money --- being in debt -- and it was received)---- And to finish that subject, will you please to remember that you wrote me that I was the owner of a horse on your plantation? Please to take good care of him.

I can hardly write you a long letter, hoping every day to get one, which will relieve me from going so much in the dark:- How can I sympathise,—for instance—with you for your losses of cattle, unless I learn how much you lost? How many partners? &c--

June 2d. No letter yet.--- We are all well you will have seen that I could not get a Cadet appointment for John, and you must know that I believe that our President is the poorest, miserable apology for a Pres't that we have ever had, -- and only hope that the next time the people come to the Army for one, they will not select one of its most ignorant stupid and prejudiced members.

I was in Wash. lately and ascertained that Congress generally were for more Cavalry regiments, and that the mounting of infantry, which passed the House, was owing to Taylor's influence.

B. Lt. Col. H. [redacted] who was detailed to relieve me as Superintendent, declining. - he has been relieved from it and I am thus silently continued for another term:- the present condition of the army,- its posts &c considered - I ought to be very thankful.

We are very comfortable here.

My Dear Friend, do come and see us - It is very long since we have met:- You are fond of travelling about:- to come East, instead of going West,- is so much easier, and takes so little time,- that I will have

for it.- Try to prevail on Mrs.E. to come - we have a sweet place here - a fine land &c.

I do not know what I shall do with John - He was found last fall, not advanced enough to enter the lowest class of Colledge! - The army would have suited him well.

When in Washington a week ago, there seemed no apprehension of disunion: but matters now, I fear are worse, they appear so - It would bring on stirring times for military men? Hall says, you made a fortune during the war: We had a talk abo't St. Joe lots, and I told him your prudence had lost me six thousand dollars --- or rather he proved it.

I hope you have made a good gain by the demand for Corn &c for the Emigrants?-- "It's an ill wind" &c.

Do write at once, --- long letters, or indeed, come, - which would be much better - Our best love to Sister Mary and believe ever, your unchangeable

devoted friend

P.S. Geo.C.

J. Dougherty Esq.

Fort Kearny O.R. N.T.
April 4th 1862.

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Dear Father

I have written several letters here, since I arrived at this place, but as yet have recd no answer to any of them, nor have I heard from home, except through Miss Sarah to Bill - She wrote that Fall had been very sick, but was fast recovering and that Kerr had gone to Clerking (as it is called) in town with Messrs. Samuel & Allen. What is Fall to do. What do you think of his bringing some mules and horses or ponies and oxen out to this place I think I could sell a good many, and at very fair prices, should there be any Emigration. You should decide as early as possible. I have sent a list of goods to Mr. Campbell to be sent here in case he is reappointed sutler. Of which appointment there is nothing definite at this Post as yet. Capt. V.-- did all he could in favour of Mr. C--s apt. which will tell at headquarters. William V --- will hand you this. He will tell you all concerning the store. We have 105 good Robes hanging up in the loft of the store. I intend selling them to Emigrants if possible, I have just relieved Bill of the duties of Post Master, consequently have sworn to honour, and obey, the Constitution of the U.S. Lt. Scoates passed here first March with a whiskey seller in iron.

I rec'd a letter from Kate W -- this last mail they were all well in Collinsville and sent their love. I saw a new Army Register last night in which Charlie is second for promotion to the Majoricy - Major Simonson first. There has been a number of Sioux Indians in and around our post all winter and Spring hunting some stray Pawnee's scalp but have not taken any. There were two Squaws scalped within one mile of the Post sometime during the winter by the Poncas. No other News.

Give my love to all.

Your Son

[Letter sealed with red wax.]

Lew B. Dougherty.

West Port Aug 26
1847.

Mr. J. Dougherty
Dr. Sir

Enclosed you will please
find a list of things to be sent to the
Sloop which is chartered to you on our boats
Very respectfully yours
B. M. Hamilton

Mr. J. Dougherty Capt. Talley
Bot of S. M. Sloop

58 th Bacon	12 ⁷ / ₂	750
15 th Ham	15	2.25
4 th Coffee	25	100
8 th Sugar	25	25
58 th Crackers	20	11.60
To a/c		\$ 23.60

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St. Louis Col. Swords office 18 Jan'y 1851.

My Dear Mary

I was just going to step into the stage for Fulton on my way to this place when along came a little Steam Boat Payaway we got on board and arrived here the day before yesterday evening. I have not written until now for the reason that I wished to pick up something interesting for you, I have not heard from Collinsville yet, expect to go over today, or tomorrow. I went out to Capt. Rissells the same evening I got here, understanding he was very sick which I found to be true, he is now better however, found the family all well and as kind as ever many inquiries after you & yours. I wrote you from Jefferson City, at that time I did not expect to come down to this place but I ^{quick} had a letter from Mr. Campbell urging me to do so and say that he could not leave home having just lost his little daughter, he is very friendly says he wrote an answer to the letter I wrote him just before leaving home. Rissell it seems wrote me for Dr. Bryant relative to some dispute about land, you have seen both letters before this, as soon as I return from Collinsville, I will settle up all my affairs here and leave without delay for home I will be obliged to stage it up as the weather is now very cold & ice running thick on the river Old acquaintances all seem to be glad to see me and all inquire after you particularly. I was with George Kennerly last night at the new Bates Theatre, his oldest daughter is to be married next monday night I am invited but will not go-- This place is too great, too grand and too much show for me I am tired already and wish myself at home with you again my Dear wife, you are I sometimes think, in whom I can place full confidence, and but for this I would be unhappy---

I saw J.K.D. as I passed Hermann but only for a moment the Boat would not wait. I will try and call by there as I go home, to do which however I will lose 2 or 3 days, he has had some little difficulty with

Mr. Moller I had no time to understand what it was. I just had time to say
Kerr if you have done anything wrong go back and make amends, he replied

I will go & we parted, I wish you would write and urge on him the ne-
cessity of paying attention so as to conduct himself properly, you know
what to say to my dear as well ~~as~~ I can tell you.

Remember me to my Brother & Family, I hope he will not forget the
Ice --

I am nearly frozen here by a stove, I will write you when I return
from Collinsville again. Tell C.F. I hope he will continue to deport him-
self like a man and a gentleman or good boy rather I have great hopes
treasured up in him for the future - tell him he must not drink, gamble,
use bad & vulgar language, lie, steal, cheat, backbite his neighbors,
or keep bad company either male or female, but love his brothers, & sis-
ter, and honor his father & mother, and he will glide through this world
without difficulty ---

Yr. friend & Husband

Jno. Dougherty.

Mrs. V.E.

Enclosure in pencil: "Letter from Father to Moller, from St. Louis
Jan'y 18th 1851."

The letter was sent in a powder cased with a seal. Had no postage
stamp. All over a postmark in red ink "Saint Louis Mo Jan 20 51"

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Platte City Nov: 28th 1857.

My dear Major

I presume you are or will be fully posted up in Kansas affairs, and although we have heretofore acted differently where we are interested alike, I have been induced as a matter of duty in this last eventful struggle to notify you of our intention and to invoke your cooperation, and I do so more readily as I believe the face of things have so far changed in Kansas as to permit the action of yourself & friends without any sacrifice of principle. On the ~~the~~ twenty first day of December a pure Black & white vote is to be taken every man on the ground on that day can vote & if we beat them it will be a most killing victory ~~over~~ ^{over} the enemy. This qualification was purposely fixed by the convention to get our mid. and small numbers and over now soliciting our help others have written to the same effect & there is ^{no} Democracy or

Amputation or Whigging mixed up
in this matter, it is shut by itself
so that every friend of the south can show
their hands—and all are invited to the
feast. Now we have had a large
meeting and I think this country will
do her duty better than ever a S.P.
McCurdy in the chair, and to me was
assigned the agreeable task to sound
the trumpet in Clay and call the dead
to life. I wish I could borrow old Gabe's
but I believe if John Dougherty will only
blow a puny whistle, Clay would do
her duty also. I beg you to take this
matter into serious consideration and
do not let small circumstances hold
you back from a duty the neglect of
which you may repent in sackcloth and
ashes all your life.

My best regards to Major
Ruff & families I remain
your friend
Joseph Walker

Major

John Dougherty
Liberty

Clay County
Mo

740.
Liberty Clay County Missouri
Jan'y 29 1852.

To The Hon.

Henry S. Geyer, John G. Miller & J. F. Barry.

Gentlemen

Being an old fashioned whig, and an old friend & acquaintance of yours, I take the liberty of making a few off hand suggestions to you in the same note, on a subject which I consider of vital importance to the people of the west, particularly your constituents. In looking over the Mo. Republican this morning I found the report of Gen'l Scott to the Secretary of war, recommending the abandonment of the only two military Post on the Oregon & California Rout, Forts Laramie, & Kearny --- I am the warm personal & political friend of the Gen'ls and entertain great confidence in his ability, experience, & knowledge of matters & things in general connected with our frontier borders; But in my humble opinion he is for once decidedly wrong in recommending the withdrawal of troops already stationed on that route --- I have resided about 44 years in this western country ranging from Missouri, to the Columbia & I have no recollection of a single instance where a retrograde movement of troops & Posts in an Indian country was made, that bloodshed, pilage, and all kinds of depredations on our border settlers, traders, & travellers did not follow - The very fact of pushing troops far into the Indian country, and suddenly recalling them never fails to embolden the Indians, and take from around them, all restraint and fear of the white man. And now that the government has given them to understand by treaty & weighty Presents last summer that we, consider, it a great favor to be Permitted to pass through their Country it will require double the military force to control them, unless these presents are continued and increased annually, and I have no doubt there will be 3 to 1 of those marauding, Pilaging parties skulking along the Oregon Route for the express purpose of exacting payment from our citizens for the privilege of passing through the country whether the land belongs to them or not --- The people in Oregon have a right to expect this road will be protected by the Govern-

ment, that emigrants may reach there in safety and join them in filling up and settling ^{that} the country, and the Emigrants themselves have a right to expect not only protection but aid from the Government along this difficult and dangerous route; Forts Laramie and Kearny have every year since their establishment rendered important assistance and protection to hundreds of our people on their way to Oregon and California -- Some of them had lost their horses & oxen their wagons broken down, and others again were sick unable to travel, some had broken limbs and some entirely destitute of any thing like provisions, all of these unfortunate individuals met with instant relief at these Posts from the hands of the Officers stationed there, but what let me ask, would have been the situation of such unlucky Pilgrims without the aid of these Posts, you can imagine--

A few Dragoons could, and would protect any party of emigrants travelling in Company with them, but others in the rear or in advance 50 or 100 miles might be cut to pieces before the Dragoons would hear of it, and after the news reached them, ten to one they could not overtake the Indians with their, perhaps, broken down horses. I say broken down horses, because it is a well known fact that after making a forced march of a few hundred miles on grass our horses are not capable of overtaking the Indian warhorse, and if a few travelling Dragoons could protect all the emigrants from one end to the other of this long road against Indian depredations they could afford them no further aid --- You gentlemen, have all resided best part of your lives on this frontier, I therefore will only give you a hint of my notions on subject, you understand it well, and I think you will agree with me when I say it would be unjust, unwise, and unpopular to call back the troops, and abandon the Forts in question --- My word for it, if it is done our members of Congress, & the members from several other western states will be called

to an account by their people at home, particularly in our own state, where The Great I did is watching with an Eagles eye to find something which will enable him to pounce down upon the whig members who he says have stolen their way into the Capital at Washington, and more, the present whig Administration would not hear the last of it during the next 4 years---

✓ Economy in a great Government is of vast importance, But there is such a thing as carrying it too far. The Rulers of a nation should weigh well their acts, and always place a high estimate on the lives and property of their people, money is but trash when placed in the balance against the life of a good citizen who has a large family of children to bring up, Some of whom might some day, if taken care of in a government like ours, become to be Presidents and Generals.

Encosement: "To the Ho. members of Congress 1872" In pencil:
"By J. Dougherty"

Liberty Clay County Mo. 1st May 1859
Genl James S. Rains

Dear Sir

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Col. J. H. G. Cooke of the 2^d Eng. n.
u.s.a has been a faithful officer for 30 years on & along our
frontier borders from Canada to the Pacific, ~~especially~~
particularly on the border of our own State. I consider him
among one of the best frontier officers now in the service of
our country. Judge J. H. Thompson of your house & myself
were speaking ^{together before he left} of the ~~valuable~~ valuable services to our State in
defending her borders for so many years against the Indian
tribe. We came to the conclusion that Mr. Brewster something,
something through her Representatives, some token of Respect
as a mark of gratitude, for his arduous & important services
rendered so freely and manly ^{full} by him to her exposed citizens
during the early settlements. ~~After~~ I wrote to the Judge yesterday
on this subject and requested him to call on you, in my name, for
your aid in this matter. I hope you will find it convenient to give
him your assistance, by so doing ~~by so doing~~ you will confer a particular
favor ^{on} me, and I feel sure, a merited justice to Col. Cooke. Judge Thompson
is not one of us, but, that makes no difference between him & myself,
he knows Cooke well and is willing & anxious to do him justice —

I should ^{be} much pleased to hear from you when convenient and
how you ^{are} getting along ^{with} your duties in the Legislature, what will be
the leading business of the session &c. With great Respect I am very
Truly yr friend & obt. Servt.

Wm. D. Mayberry

Copied

as Col. Quaker d.
other 1859

Wm. D. Mayberry
Concerning the
Jan 1st 1859

Correspondence of

John Dougherty,

~~In his report to Post trader~~
~~Forts King & Leavenworth~~
~~For Leavenworth~~

from ~~St. Louis~~ ^{Missouri Historical Society}
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John Dougherty in

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(ten volumes)

Quartermaster's Office,
Washington City, Dec: 5th 1853.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 29th ultimo,
applying for the appointment of Sarge Major to Major Ruff's
command. These appointments are given only on the recom-
mendation of the officers with whom the Sarge Majors are to
serve. If Major Ruff wishes you appointed, and will
so signify, an appointment will be sent to you.

Very respectfully,
Wm. H. St.

Quartermaster General.

Samuel C. Adams,
Private First