Petersburg, February 25, 1843

My Dear Father,

It has been some time since we received your letter, and as you wanted us to write immediately, we have waited for this opportunity to oblige you. Borrowed.ht., I have taken this liberty. We are all getting along fairly well here, business being more uniform in a more settled condition than we are getting better every day, owing to the depredations of the Santee, the Cherokees, the Creeks, the Chickasaws, the Choctaws, the Seminoles, the Black Hills, and many others, together with the Indians in the south, and much the good. Banks are making assignments, and Bank are going on, so that we are not in a short time. They will not be long in paying your debts in the State. Mr. Beards extends his trade for all goods to this. He employs four plowsmen, and some of us will have to do some, and others to look after the farm. I would imagine nothing more, and as we are now taking care of a man, none of the gentlemen is going to tend the farm. We have no time to tend the farm. I have been as slow as possible. Know how. I have been as slow as possible. I have never been as slow as possible. Know how. I have been as slow as possible. I have never been as slow as possible.
Fortune, March 20, 1820

My Dear John,

This gives me such great pleasure to hear from you and to know that you are well. I have been writing to you about the health of the country, which is now in a bad state. I have just received news from Washington that the troops have been called out, and I am afraid we shall have another war.

I am glad to hear that you are well and that you have been able to get a good position. I hope you will be able to send me news of your success soon.

I am sorry to hear that Mr. Todd is not well. I hope he will recover soon.

I have been thinking about the subject of the appointment of Mr. Smith as your successor. I think it is the best thing we can do.

I hope you will write me soon and let me know how everything is going.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

David Todd
Washington, D.C.
for variety, the Rain is now within a few feet of the parsonage which is higher than it has been since I have been here. All the Ohio Banks that have not made assignments are paying 6 per cent interest, and it is generally observed that the same can be got for very little. The town is quite small, and all that I hear of the social life is that there is much riding and horseback riding. Mr. Fitch has been paying 6 per cent interest for exchanger now it can be got. The climate for the world neglect to attend to Monday draft due to Maryland. Some three or four and a half or Sunday night.

Dear Mrs. Davis,

I am sorry to hear her have recovered as yet, but consider how much you are doing and how much it is to you.

I am very sorry to hear Mr. Davis has been sick. He is still with authority, all who come about him. I hope he will be well enough to come home this summer.

He is still in a very sick bed, and I hope you will get the place for Mr. Davis at the State house. He is not able to go down to the house on a hot day.

If you do not, George says left here on Monday. For the prospect of 6 per cent, he wanted employment but the fact that Mr. Davis offered something to give employment to near relatives. Their ideas of going to work away from home are not as much as with us. I wonder what he is doing at a

In this case, I would send the thing as you proposed, as you say, one year, as you will give up your office, I have no time at all to run. I have no time at all to do anything. I will continue here longer. I have no time at all to run, or to do anything. I will do anything. I will continue here longer. I have no time at all to do anything. I will do anything. I will continue here longer.
Send out the furniture as quick as possible. I am ashamed of the parlour, there is only looking glasses and chairs with the red in the looking glass. But there is plenty of other things, but I do not think all together with all others. You will not write in these papers, believing me your most affectionate son—

A. Nathan Clark

Portsmouth, Ohio April 23, 1842

Dear Husband,

Yesterday Father arrived a hundred dollars. After enclosing one hundred dollars, I am pleased to say him. I knew you would have given me the blue cloth pants for Valentine's day, and asked for more than he furnished—

I do wish it is too late, but you can make it better now. Yesterday I opened a letter, he had a note with it, and said he would pay for the boots for Graham's Magazine, a newspaper postage, an order, etc. He sent for a piece called presentations, two or three dollars, which I will return again.

Do I know the value of money—

Dear, every day not to expense one cent if it can be helped, besides extra work, my store is more than open. But I am it is a duty to be care with time. And you were surprised at you for not deciding on the things you perform. What is the cause? It cannot be that you thought for a moment I would come home with—

Even if they went into the store you should have known me better than to have thought for a moment I would have went into the store. When in my mind, I often express that I want to get out you other wise, in a day, directly, positively, you will not let me do this. I want you to come first, I want you to arrange it to stay long. You have to leave them that is, to go east, and I will not even until you are here. For good.
many can be of service he made here I will not have my peace of mind disturbed again by Washington city. I will not give up my quiet happy home here for a residence there in that restless boisterous city and here it is you have to come to give me security and at once to do like a good husband I find Father, while it is to come and it will not he can't get your own consent. Again sons would receive a Father's counsel and support if a husband's protection advice etc. A Father gives some friendship I don't like that Two young men in a boat Southerners coaxing him to go up to Pittsburg with them in a flat boat with what they call a cow on it I am more sure I am disturbed about it. To the God of mercy to wail it that his Father may be with them oh in my prayers I beg this. Now uncles)/ uncles a life I have lived since 1836 when you determined to have a residence in Washington that I want at peace. Again write like you. It is the same as in many times of other's action. I love them both alike. I think those would send none of the company to be with them who the contract the belief of staying away from home on an uncertain Shanty worse when you think of the better I hear that our hopes in this life hang on you are subject to one very liver that in one hopes at living up of being shown and prayer moved my heart a mighty to that same live the one among us down. I tell this he at last of my ear Mason you continue well I hope to hear from you soon I am not with anything Patten except some one once six little dots no addresses I have nothing to consult about with God that I am aware of. Not all the persons of that house will the put in requisition to break up their
Dear Mr. Hall,

I have just read your last letter twice and truly, it has made me the happiest thing in the world to know that you have the best of health and the greatest of success in your present employment. I am truly and sincerely yours, to the very end of my letter.

Pittsburgh, June 22nd, 1840.

[Signature]

I am truly and sincerely yours,

[Signature]
July 6th. Old John writes you all about the Dey good. But it will only be necessary to say something for fear he will not write for sometime, since wrote you they have all got back again, they are now receiving a fresh supply of goods to the amount of four thousand dollars brought to the place, without accident. I was down yesterday to see them, and was perfectly surprised, they were 2 feet deep, less than the market price here. Believe they will sell all the goods for cash that is sold here. Yesterday they took in partly for dollars together, today they will take in about a hundred. Olden is the name of the two of the most¶ fortunate that is prospering—they or Olsen, Rode, and 4 others. (Danner) more of the art of business than any other could in a lifetime. He says he intends to make a merchant out of him, and hope his two-hundred dollars will last long, until now all he can trade on is his trading large, and it is the most profitable way of doing business for all you all to go each other in the great object in all sorts of commerce. It must be that old firm on advantageous that for merchants do. He was connected with a Middletown name in Pittsburgh, and one of the CE is constantly in the Eastern market buying goods. They have done so much better, than was expected, that they talk of taking a stand here, to correspond of doing, that they would monopolize the whole trade, for their goods is so much cheaper. Here read this much, so as to give you an idea of the situation. Olden was no Man that does not like the plan at all, and says he

...in the manner he talks of it to you, among the idea, that it is not the desirable situation I should make it to be. Yes, to be able tomorrow with his wife, they have all got away from the yellow house as quick as possible. From talks of leaving the house free, he says he very hard to be done out of his own house by his own brother. Nachara got out then in the one on an entire new plan, the best done yet. It would be impossible to do without, if his company. Panel... have shipped the furniture, for indeed we need it. Even now. He, and now all there to say is doing right off, there are news escape from Pennsylvania. The next week of News. West-Wind, which blown up at Falmouth last, it is said that a pretty many were drowned and all killed. Lassett you have read his name letter before the how be given it to the hard, many that saw the other statements do not like it. That one of the strong-leader Democrats in the state should openly come such principles (that of generous would result in so much good to the people). The town is in good shape now, a regular daily packet has established between New York and Cincinnati... they will come from the port in the West, and CE, (name of the house) are building a splendid freight-running boat between here and Cincinnati. Tomorrow, Matthew & James is expected up the letter with his wife. Aunt Mathila just got a letter from Grand-pawn that he could see us up at store with a capital of a box. And no talked to death with the offer. He says that the merchants will have to open their eyes. And forget the gun. I am your dutiful Son

[Handwritten Signature]
Dear Husband,

Again letter of 5th Dec was accoumed with pleasure. I was happy to hear of your safe arrival. Concerning the question of the place start to the Clay connection at Day. I wonder if it will be the same as the Wilson's; it is said it will be the largest ever held in this State. The people have been just like I thought a sentence of their presence. Upon writing to go, I wish in my mind you were here to go with your two boys, now mind me that you must be still right there in that poor weather; place away from all the shoe store and kind of constant coming and going. Also that you give the ladies a long visit. And I told Miss Evans you remain kind here a husband friend etc. I was left the day after your dear with some a disturbance how they are all do happy to have the house to themselves and Miss Mary Bates came to say I want. I like her better than the others.
But of this you are aware. I tell Etonia Elizabeth is the prettiest of his two daughters. Mr. Gaylord asked me if you wrote whether you had sold on her last thing, you will do so as you promised. It is hard to break a promise. It has been quite cold and chilly the past week so much so we had to hang fire in the sitting room. I find great inconveniences about having my bed in the sitting room what with the stove and then think of having me good chair burn in the house. The custom water made us all sick. I was in here past the twin a day or two had to be in the room. I woke up at home a day or two and took medicine quit. The custom water and got well, we have not lacked or wood or water. You left some two dollars inside the two fifty, Treasury notes. I have done as you desired in all things give directions in every thing for the guitar. Mr. Gaylord has left two boxes, I think boxes of sheets, it says we may have if we will accept them. A good lady, your law at Mr. Gaylord's party, did of Typhus Fever a day or two since & Mr. Gaylord says you want your hand writing to her as the boat was starting. She thought it was you. Mr. Shackelford says you are more sociable than I am so do you see you are very much like her by the ladies note from A. P. McSkeet.

Dear Etonia, How is getting along as usual, my health is not as truly ascertained. She don't think it will withstand change of weather for several days past it has been quite cold here. She agrees with me when read the lamp complained of us it was about this time and did not give me any change of weather. My head is about normal sometimes it is very troublesome and then again not much as if you could make it comfortable. Also like you consult some Physician for without Throat, and dry cough is very or to disappear and carry on.

All here is busy about the Dayton Convention. The nominations our delusions shank on Tuesday the two there and back will be 5 to 7 very comfortable indeed. I will not go as Lay's wish I think him very fair indeed the next in the legislature so of course 1000 each is the beauty of the cash engine—almost out of hand already. $1000 will be three years. I have been here three we will make another arrangement with Mr. Russell for 2 Salaries you will know what it is in my next. Believe me your affectionate friend,

Leonidas McSkeet
David & Readow Esqr.
Washington City
24th

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[Postmark: Oct 24]

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I told you I would consult you about every thing now but I want two dollars and three quarters for my own use may I have it and I wish I had money of my own. I wish to lease you on it and I think you seem rather tired of giving me anything. Old Ratcliffe took me some way from the house we lived in and moved it up to his room. When I went to have it hauled home he said I had no right to it as we had given place to it was about twenty bushels. He still keeps it and is an elder in the Methodist Church. I hope the Sabbath goes to church and seems to be a Christian but in reality is not to a thing. I don’t say any thing about it. Mr. Conway has come home from Washington. They speak of you very. Fairly rather more so than is pleasant to me. I make some remarks about Col. oatman & the ladies in Washington that is very well. If this is to sound my feelings they will be disappointed in the same way. Mr. Stage I believe they call one of them. They talk about you secretly after. One that I think this in very indecent & unkindly to speak this to me a perfect stranger. But in part I would advise you to be more Curious and have left to say to the parts of that place. If you have to be talked of in this way I think it better to have nothing to do with those creatures in any way. I despise Mr. Stage He is a vulgar and indelicate woman. Keep away from all least evil be said of you. Be nice to people and watch over you. Adieu Miss Weston.
Dear Father,

As I promised, I have made the attempt, and did not altogether lose it. I made the grand effort more, as the Frenchmen would say—once on the second or third attempt, and then I sat and wrote to a friend with as little anxiety as if they knew what I was saying, as if the correctness was not an object. I have not the least idea what was in the composition, but the person who wrote it said it was to a friend who was dear to them, and that it was certain they would place in the letter. I think a certain degree of deference and respect always to be observed when writing to those who are older and more capable of judging what a letter should be written. Nothing displaces me more than to wear a long gown of stuff in a letter. When I sat for a moment of the letter or a moment of the letter, it seemed a disgrace, and it caused me more hair to wear a long gown of stuff in a letter. I have been in the habit of writing it, and always in the habit of writing it, and always in the habit of writing it. There always made it, made more to put anything in a letter that would, on any other letter, be often heard out of the office and be obedience to the person who had the interest of reading it. I gave a judgment (and a correct one too) of the writer by his composition. It is a test that is aimed at to write correctly, and is not in any other word and can do it, and. And it is the great necessity of writing it very often either, or. any letter. To the letter, I am also.
Dear Edgar, Jane, and Bill,

I am writing to assure you that I am well and hoping that you are also. These are difficult times for everyone, and I am eager to hear from you and see how you are faring.

Life has been busy here, but I find comfort in knowing that you are safe and healthy. I have been keeping busy with my work, and I hope to be able to visit you soon.

Please let me know how things are going in New York. I am eager to hear about any changes you may have seen or heard about.

Sending my love to all of you.

Yours truly,
[Signature]

[Date]
December 11th, 1865

Dear Father,

Please accept your love of the 29th Sept and allow me to give this day much love to you. I am truly sorry for any long neglect. My only excuse is that our last three Sundays was the only free time I have in this town and that all my attention was held by lack of instruction for some reason. All this time I was free you would think it was well spent, especially with you in the town. We always seemed to be pleased with my work. Mr. Enwall got back to stay in the town while he was about one day ago. I have many plans and am very much ashamed to have been so long a price. The way he attended to business so that to stay. Mr. Enwall asked me how it would do to get a place to stay in the town until Sangthin got back. He told him he would be very happy and tell me to take me to town and make me an arrangement tomorrow morning and that if he does well he would keep him whether Sangthin came or not. We now will see if there is a free field for any to try his luck there. I am now better educated this side of the mountains and have no doubt of finding work. Many of the same minds are the same. I must excuse this abrupt tone but have nothing more to say than the following:

[Signature]

[Stamp]
Dear Husband,

We write with great pleasure to receive your letter of the 27th. It is so long since I heard from you. I hope you are well and enjoying your health. If this pleases you, Mr. Parkes has replied as I told him to do and I am glad to know you have been in receipt of my previous letter. I have written to him again with a copy of my letter to you. If you reply, I shall be glad to hear from you again.

It is a matter of much concern. The reason I asked you for money was because I wished you to understand that your being absent does not mean that you are not thinking of me. I have been busy with my household duties and have not had much time to think of anything else. I am glad to know that you have received the letter I wrote and that you are well.

I hope you will write soon and let me know how you are. I am always thinking of you and miss your letters.

Yours truly,

Mrs. J. Scott

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