



Dear Captain
26th July 1864

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My Dear Brother

As I have a good opportunity of writing you a few lines as Mr Lewis arrived here to day and is going down to Monow he intends going to see Mr Allen before he returns home I am still stopping at Mr Mansson I am perfectly at home here but I am not doing much waiting for the spring so that I can go and try and do something for a living as I have had no money from Mr Holbrook since my return I do not know for what reason he may have it for all I know It is the first time ever was so hard up for money, I am sorry to say that I had to attend a funeral yesterday to one of Charley Matthews children the youngest it died of Putrid sore throat, I have heard of Dr. Reulls misfortune the other day he has lost three of his youngest children and Robert who was shot by a mistake and Marcus has been sentenced to three years in the penitentiary for stealing whiskey.

Charley Matthews is talking of going to the mines he has been buying horses so I think he will start There is good money around here being up

horses so that they are very high to what they was
last spring as for cattle they are about the
same price as when you was here
I have not been across the river since I came
back. There is still a man staying on your
place but he intends moving away soon as
he gets the apples shipped. Land is very low
then I do not think that place could be
sold for much at present. I Hubert
has given up renting his place but he intends
going up to the mines. Mrs Mansour is im-
proving a good deal in health lately all the rest of
the family is well. Annie and little William
is in good health hoping that you ^{are} all the
same. I do not see why you have not written me
before this time I have not received a line from
you. I hope you have had a mild winter
up ~~in~~ there we had only a day or two of snow here
it only stayed on the ground but a few days
there has been a good deal of rain they thought
there would be another flood but there is no
danger at present. I would like to know how
your stock has wintered so far I hope you
have plenty of hay on hand and how did
the horses answer for the winter. It must have
kept Charley and Jimmy busy in getting fire
wood. You must have a good deal of
slaying up there that is one thing we

have not been. Tell my Mother how I am
I have been in good health since I left up the
Sohas Annie and Little William I expect she
would be glad to see us all. also tell her that
Saperine has lost his child this summer
of the sore throat. Tell Charley that he
must write me as I would like to hear from
him there was a young man inquiring about
him by the name of Jenkins he knew him
in the California Mines. So I have no more
to write about so I must close. Give the joining
I and send our love to all the family
~~and~~ ^{I expect you} had a pleasant Christmas
and New Years a few Balls I expect
tell me how the Mines is up there
So I must close So good Bye

I Remain Yours
Affectionate Brother
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Isaac Ogden (Jr)