Princeton, Aug. 1st, 1840

We reached home safely on Wednesday night although somewhat fatigued. We did not reach Charleston on the day we left but stayed at Westerleigh. It took us four hours to cross the river for which we had to pay $3.00 being consumed upon in an old enemy boat half filled with water. We overheard one coming from the smoke and heard Sibly tell you about your 500. Otherwise, how I proposed to go back where we had lost the road, how we went over ditches & through thickets into broken tree.

Here is part of your letter:

I have not as yet found any copy. Have not received last quoted salary. If I have the consent of my people in payment of my salary they will change to pounds at least soon those I could get them for the ready cash. Still I hope I shall be able to get you something next month, probably they will not be ready before the next towards the last of this month, that is clear.

Your most res. will cordially make yourself sick. This is the month for that.

Sibly said you thought of building another cabin.

I have no advice. Perhaps if you finish that with all its things it would do as well. I think if I can able to get some coal, it might be well for
The market should increase about three months. If the market should increase about three months, it would be a profitable business if properly managed. I do also if you had a good breed of hogs, but you cannot get all things at once, the only thing is to ascertain what will be the most profitable, among various things that are desirable.

I think you may make an excellent farm, and one who will yield a good profit. It is not now lonely there as this place a few years ago. I do not know how exactly you will decide in regard to the cutting of your lands, but I know you will want to consider the location of your lands, and the kind of potatoes, or other agricultural practices, and I trust they may be adjusted without difficulty. If I suppose the great question is or want to get something to return it with. The land Survey bill has passed it becomes a law to mercantile, though I have not seen it yet.

The Abolitionists of this are waking up in regard to the political question, but the Philanthropists has almost come out in favor of a third candidate. The last no. contains a call for the Southern counties to take in connection to consider the question, and Bailey advises United men, whether they vote for not to vote for previous, and they vote all to vote for King. I am for his last no. was just the thing. I do not think that any of the do will vote for him.
I have changed my boarding place, I am now at Summings. I mean to try to go on East next Spring if possible. I do not know as I shall be able to come pass it.

I suppose you have done basting as it is getting late. I would build a good fence than I build one to make all seem. Your chickens, pigs, etc. I suppose will be around your stable or shed when you build one. I did not think to speak to particularly in regard to the work you will have, your stables, etc., and also about any thing else that you need if I will put them up possible. By the way you had better keep an account of such things as go into the farm, the crockery, tools, etc., as it may be desirable to know sometime.

We are all well, that is mother & myself. We have heard nothing from the East this long while. I have not heard from Ellen this long while.

Littel Ethelinda I suppose is with you by this time. She was quite well when we called. My respects to Miss Mary at the next. Write me soon & tell me all about your concerns, & your opinions about matters & things in general.

My paper has not yet come, when it does I will forward it.

Your off. Bratt.

Owen Jones
Dear Aunt Lovejoy,

I received your letter dated 28th Feb. I write with much pleasure, yes, dear Aunt, with much pleasure did I perceive it, and exclaimed it sounds just like Aunt Lovejoy. Then I told Mother it was from you. She said, “can it be?” She was interested in all you wrote and laughed when I read the description of your room. I had been expecting a letter from you for eight or ten months, and could not imagine why you did not write. I feared you were unwell, but I thought perhaps someone might do it for you, if such was the case. I have not intended to write until you had some news, but I have been waiting to learn something of the history of those you request me to write about. I have just received a note from Aurelia E. Stidder (a married or unmarried lady I know not) saying that your health is quite good, remembers you with much affection, and wonders you do not write her. She has gone to Brownsville to spend the summer with her friends there, and if you will write her, it would be gratefully received and promptly answered. The above mentioned lady author of the note sends her best respects to you and your family. Further Crosby and Londy wish to be remembered. The church in Trinity is very small, they have no preacher now. Mr. Williams has laboured there considerably; he is at Brownsville. I think Mr. Clark remains with us yet. The 30th of June
not been able to learn much about. William has left Albion. Hathorn's wife is dead. Ezy Silby took his children a son and daughter and educated them. The son died last winter. Mrs. Woodcock now. Mrs. Billings lives where she formerly did. Mrs. Gilman & I do not know where she is. So dear Aunt Forey, I have told you all I know of them. Our family remain about as when I wrote you last. I do not know as there has been more than one addition to the family. Brother John has another son. Mother has been quite comfortable during the year. She suffers but little from pain. Nervousness and restlessness are her greatest afflictions. She is very sleepy most of the time in the forenoon. She talks but very little and comprehends much more than she says. She retains much of her art on care and probably will as long as her senses remain. She often amuses us. My health is such that we can keep a bare girl now one that can take care of her nights. I did it longer than was proper for me to. She was very last to give me up. I am with her days the most of the time. Yet I am unable to lift her much. She can walk out in the front of the house by twos or three leading her. She may live in this State many years and she may go any instant. Mrs. Carter is living. I have written you about her. I think Miss Joseph Carter is dead. Uncle Henshaw's Chase died very suddenly this spring of a disease upon the brain. He was sick but 24 hours he had been unwell during the winter but the family did not think him in danger. So death reigns and I would not have it otherwise, for God reigns also. And righteousness and judgement are the habitation of His throne. "I would not live always. Let me not to stay Where storms after storms rises o'er the deep sea."
Dear Aunt, I most cordially hope with you, that you will meet all your friends in a letter such as these. The ties of nature will make man be severe. Dear Aunt, what a bleeding hope is how it keys much sustaining and comfort, especially if built upon the promises of the Bible. Thus you have been sustained in scenes of affliction, and when you have felt the chastening of the Lord was heavy, and thus I hope to be sustained by the power of God through faith unto salvation. Pray for me, dear Aunt; I feel the Lord is my refuge, and that I have no other. I say I want any other. I would like a gone my way to your State very much if I could leave an had some think friend to accompany me. I felt last fall when Miss Catherine Beecher was getting a class of teachers, that I would have one of I had not been needed here. I should have wanted a location near you. Since I have been obliged to step up the care of Mother, I feel as though some living is but little purpose. She is not willing I should be out of her room when at home, and when there, I am so interrupted I can not read or study to much advantage. But if some where my Heavenly Father would have me it is enough. I sometime think perhaps mothers feelings had better be sacrificed a little, if I can spend my time in study so as to prepare letter for future usefulness, but it is very hard work for me to hear litera text. So I presume I shall remain with her while the lady Aunt Whitney was over a few weeks ago—she was nicely. Aunt Farrell has not been here for some time. She is well. I presume I feared uncle the other day. So he is living yet at what a child? I suppose you say. Pardon if I have affidged to live with Roswell, Mrs. Stant.
Give my love to your children. Tell them I should be happy now there. Aunt Jenny this letter is written hurriedly for I have had miserable ink and pen but I thought of get the idea it would be all you would care for. Sibyl and May have your health. Betty looks as young as when you saw her last. Sister Christie is pretty good health. Mrs. Burnham and the De are still living.

Yours,

[Signature]

Dr. Smith, Family, and [Signature]
Dear sir, John,

Yours dated the 1st inst. I mailed the 12th, was received last mail, & I answer it by return of the same. I suppose that your communication with De Bague is not frequent, as the date & receipt of your letters are separated from each other long intervals. We are all glad to hear that you continue to gain strength. You must be careful not work too hard before you think is completely restored. As for the cows they shall be ready for you whenever you will come for them. I will get 14 or 6, if probably you had better come at some other time sooner this as is convenient, for if you take them up now they can live in park at least until next fall. I will send them to you + will provide you will take good care of them, & not kill any of the calves they may have. We are commanded you know to make to readiness friends of the maximum of unrighteousness. I do not know when you will do for your house. After as she has engaged, I & start to day for Greenville to take the place of Miss Waters. However she still adheres to her resolution of going West when you are ready for her. As to the pasture which you manage in still adhering to the determination, to construct creek I built a dwelling, vulgarly called a log cabin, in contradiction of my opinion, & in direct opposition to my judgment; & as for the cause of ratification which you pursue, I the arguments you
address to establish & justify the positions which you assume, & to jus-
tify the continuance of a pertinacious spirit which characterizes your
conduct in this thing; to all this what shall I say? I know
shall find language of condemnation adequate to the occasion.
Sufficient it is to say that the entire department of State, not
of the Navy, but the entire department of Government, approved of
this as an end of the matter.

If style goes up, it will be better to wait till winter, I
should think, as that you can save the money on this
view, & come on meanwhile, & will be both easier & cheaper.

I do not know whether it will require more than one to
gain up the cases. You will hardly be able to walk. Perhaps
you had better come on horseback, or if two of your cases you
can make one horse do, perhaps. This however you can manage
as it suits best. Mrs. Lincoln, said the other time, I saw her
that he had a pej for you. I do not know if you will
be able to take it along or not. I hope you will be able to
get a team of your own before a quiet while & then you
can have all things separate if you please. Meanwhile
you must get along as smoothly as you can. This I wish
to be over when I see you. I shall look for you about
the first of next month.

I had a letter from Mr. Sumner a short
time ago, said he saw near, i thought you issued from
a good settlement. Then wants me to go to Iowa City, I hope
how of that is from your place. However, it is not likely
that I shall go, as I cannot afford to travel without receiving
This state went for T. B. by almost a thousand popular vote—a fifty-one to forty-nine result in the House, forty-three to forty-six in the Senate. The L. C. has a majority also in the Senate, but much I do not recollect. And, then, Mr. B. Lewis, have you got the Whig ticket? What do you think this fall? You must make strong speeches & get into office. I will try to get you a cap. I send you two dollars, all I know by me, perhaps that will get you down.

We are all well. Elizabeth has changed her boys, now for Mrs. H. to Austin Wiley. Mrs. Russell is unwell with a cough.

Your old brother

[Signature]
Edinburgh Oct. 11th 1804

First general Epistle of John.

Dear Mother, Belov'd Ely. and Elzabeth,

Having just received two letters, one of them containing, your good wishes, 
advices, &c. &c. from Edinburgh the 24th of August, I have received last Tuesday the 7th of October. What its perils, and dangers were, on 
the road I have no means of ascertaining, or of obtaining any information on that subject. All the letters 
that I have received from you, during this summer, and fall, have come a great while out of time. 
What the cause is I do not know, but I suppose 
the blame must be cast upon either Pendarrel and the unde treasurys, as they are the onlytwo 
withal to me in the country.

As for you, the Elizabeth, I wish you 
do all very well to judge the result of your inte 
test, and may know that I felt considerate 
and some concern when I read the second verse of the verse: It seems as though I have the word well understood with the con 
seguent matter which it contained. I feel much more 
pleased about the multiplicity of your family bu 
dies, and hope you will be sustained under their 
greatness. You will please accept my sympathy, and 
my earnest wishes that they may be speedily shor 
tened and to desire to see Elizabeth. I don't know about it. Does he look like either his father or another? If so, 
I do not know but I might like to take a peep 
at him through a glass, hardly, but not less 
to face you, you know, that the little Tomotts are imbued 
with nature to know
I think we must prepare to emigrate as soon as the crops are harvested, so that we may begin to settle upon each other's farms. I think the land will be ready for us to settle on as soon as that. Mother writes that she wishes to come here and live. I have no very definite plans, only I think she would be better off here where she is for the present. Another year, perhaps, we shall be better able to look after our own affairs and live, and yet always more comfortable to stay. I hope you think differently, you shall be welcome to such a house as I have to guess. One can talk more about it on horseback.

December 18__

I had written the worst of a letter to you. I sent it down to Shinnecock, and as I have no writing paper I thought I would write it out. I wrote to Emma some time before, giving an account of my marriage, and when I thought it was to be this year, she expressed great joy at the news, because this idea of our coming in the Mississippi was too remote two or three days after we were married. The rainy days are pretty long until the sun comes out, and we have been busy with the garden; and it is a good thing to have done in a few months. We shall have a good one this year. My advice regards to Child Lloyd. I have no news of him to hold you up. My address is to start for the Hiawatha River at a month's notice. Get all the good things that you can for the winter. Fruit trees and fragrant-scented which generally abound here, important cut. If they are not large, why one must buy a bunch of flowers from the country garden which lie upon one's pate.

I must go now. Goodbye.
I wish you kindly and sincerely to come to the Queen to get some things about which I wrote to you in letters, but no gifts for I cannot get them any other way than try and get a chance to paint and get some money. We could get along by exchanging with the town if I can help it, and the two you would suit to the business. All things are now paid as I know, but I hoped to listen to you about it.

There open that, there you are first, how they will say, I would go to get some more of those in trade but they could not get them or more of your each down, I have been offered 75 cents for the Darlow price.

I shall be prepared to give your an anti-sting at least without some down as you always require for some thing special. Get all the best and pigs for the pigs wedding. I would run your little matter. Give my respects to all who interest and my best regards to all who do. Write soon and let me know about the open ground. Yours Truly, 

[Signature]