

Wisconsin, Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 1853.

Lyman to Draper.

Wants me to furnish him a narrative of an Indian Scout with Gen Kinton in the War of 1812 - I must do it before Christmas.

Madison, Wis<sup>n</sup>

Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> 1853.

My D<sup>r</sup> Sir -

To-day I rec<sup>d</sup> y<sup>r</sup> favor of the 26<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup> - mailed the 9<sup>th</sup> inst - I thank you for it. The letter to which you refer as having written me last fall, I am sorry I never rec<sup>d</sup>. -

I am not yet prepared to enter upon my long promised Kinton work - but am nevertheless exceedingly anxious to get what information yet remains, I have all my materials on hand, to go to work as



soon as possible.

I shall look for your  
Statement, as early as  
you can conveniently  
send it. Pray, do not  
forget to give it atten-  
-tion.

I remain, with great truth,  
Yr friend & ob. servt.,  
Sylvanus Draper.

Wm. D. H. Heston,  
Piketon, O.



Madison, Wisconsin,  
Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> 1853.

My D<sup>r</sup> Sir -

I have already written  
you, begging you for a statement  
of an Induscent on which  
you Genl Simon Keaton served  
during the war of 1812-13 -  
+ anything else you could furnish  
me with reference to Gen Keaton.

I have as yet rec<sup>d</sup> no reply.  
I am anxious that you sh<sup>d</sup> aid  
me, & really hope you will  
do so - for I wish to render  
the old General that justice  
so richly due his long & merito-  
rious services. I removed to  
this place last autumn. Let me  
hope to hear from you soon.

Yrs most sincerely,

Wm. D. H. Keaton

Portsmouth, N. H.

Sydney C. Draper

P.S. - Inform me if Hon. Geo. Lenoir is yet living - if so I sh<sup>d</sup> like to be gratified if you furnish me any facts about some of Keaton's D<sup>r</sup>.



Madison. Wis. 6 Augt 1853

Lyman C Draper  
Wants me to write him  
a Narrative of an Indian  
Scout - with Gen Winton  
in the War of 1812 &c

Sumner &c  
said I could do it in  
about months &c



1852  
Levellington, Philad. Co.  
Prof. Lyman C. Draper  
Wants me to write a  
Narrative of an Indian  
expedition with Gen.  
Simon Kenton in 1813.

Answered

Levellington, Philad. Co. Penn.  
Jan. 20. 1852.

My D. Sir -

I have been for several  
years engaged in collecting facts  
and materials for a life of Gen.  
Simon Kenton. When at Hoboken,  
Ohio, a few weeks since, I was  
informed by my friend, the Hon.  
John A. Corwin, that you can  
furnish me the details of an  
affair that took place in  
or about 1813, in which Gen.  
Kenton participated: I think  
the Indians had killed one or  
two persons - perhaps a Capt.  
Thomas & son - & a party col-  
-lected & pursued the Indians,  
& among the pursuers were  
Gen. Kenton & yourself. I think  
Capt. Chas. Wood was the leader of



the party. I sh<sup>d</sup>. be extremely  
gratified if you w<sup>d</sup>. write  
out & send me this incident  
as minutely as your memory  
will serve you to communicate

I may also add the  
request, that if any other  
matters connected with Gen<sup>l</sup>.  
Kenton are known to you,  
that you will be kind enough  
to favor me with a narrative  
of them.

I have already rec<sup>d</sup>. all  
the aid Gen<sup>l</sup>. Kenton's family  
can furnish - as well as  
from rec<sup>d</sup>. of his old Pioneer  
Companions, Gen<sup>l</sup>. Ben. Whiteman  
- Gov. Vance - Gen<sup>l</sup>. Henry Lee - & several  
others.

Have the goodness to

write me at your earliest  
convenience - I ever believe

me  
Very truly y<sup>r</sup>. friend & ob<sup>d</sup>. serv<sup>t</sup>,  
Symon C. Draper

Maj. David F. Heston,  
Portsmouth, O.



Chillicothe May 31<sup>st</sup> 1852

Dear Ma, & Pa,

I received your kind letter a few moments ago, but have not time to answer now, as it is pretty late & I wish to mail this tonight. I will write you (Ma) tomorrow or next day. I have written this chiefly to Pa to ask him if he will try to be here by the end of the week, as Uncle W<sup>m</sup> expects to leave sometime next week, & I should like to have my business arranged before he leaves. I intend to buy in my heavy chain on the estate. I hope you will be able to make out there for him. Kate sends lots of kisses to Grandma & bidz & says Grandpa is a bad man, not to come <sup>see</sup> Kate. Good by  
Isabel



Chatham 31 May 1852  
J H Stoddard -



Asper 18<sup>th</sup> April 1851

Dear Father

According to promise in my last, I will now give you answer to such questions on certain subjects as you wish.

My health has not as yet been sufficiently restored to enable me to attend to business actively, although I have only been occasionally confined to my room. My business affairs are about as unhealthy as myself in our respect and that is this, Dr. Pina is as stubborn (and a great deal less honorable) than his Bull for he will do nothing at all, he will neither acknowledge himself or his son as my Partner, but wherever and whenever it is to his interest such for instance as making a trade with a man, he will say "I will give you an order on My Stone," or "I will give you an order on Johnny's Stone," consider the principle of such a Man, who does not scruple to take all the advantages to be derived from him or his for being a Partner and yet he refuses to make his son a Partner and also tells our Creditors that he has nothing to do with it that Johnny has it all that he has given all his interest to him

London April 15 1851

Edw. Ashton

Relating to some  
Matters - say the health is  
not entirely restored -



whereas he has not only not given Johny a cent of his interest but is horror struck at the mere mention of it. Consistency is truly a jewel if this is honesty and fair dealing. Deliver me from it. I could also fill this letter with some facts of this of so low and mean a nature you would almost blush to read it so I will only give you a sample of the deentest Conway W<sup>c</sup> sent us by him \$100<sup>00</sup> to buy Corn. he gave us \$60<sup>00</sup> and kept \$40<sup>00</sup> or rather paid it out or to use his <sup>own</sup> words "bought it, and to finish off with, he said he would haul our corn from the Cabin and crib it on the Canal Bank free of charge, but in hauling <sup>it</sup> down to the Crib [three loads of Bushels found its way down to the stone house if it is very reasonable to suppose that the oxen took the corn down without the knowledge or consent of the Doctor as they were interested in the consumption of it, and it was only  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles farther and only 2 fences to let down to get there! Now the gist of the whole matter is this, he wanted Money so he took it as above stated [some folks would be so rude as to call it stole] he wanted to rent the Cabin so he moved the Corn grates, he wanted the Corn so he took what he wanted because it happened to be in his Naggow and very handy but I am really getting tired of writing such stuff

We are quite behind in money matters, nothing but a reasonable time will enable us to meet our claims and the tightness of the money market at present will prevent us from getting extending, it would be ruinous for us to increase our liabilities at this time so I intend to wind up if the Doctor does not buy me out. Your orders in relation to the two Stevens and Anthony Notes for \$400<sup>00</sup> <sup>each</sup> was duly mailed to the Cash<sup>r</sup>. Branch Bank Springfield which I believe I did not mention in my last a few days ago. My Report of Home Department will have to be short at this time will only give you the total without items, which amounts a generally healthy and prosperous condition except that part which is generally devoted to the growing of such vegetables as Peas, beans, Cabbage &c which still remains "statu quo" which no doubt you will attend to in person shortly. I am happy to learn your health is so good and prospects so fair there is no doubt but that your surveys will be more valuable this summer than heretofore "as there is quite a demand at this time for clearing land. My Mother's health is good as usual and at last accounts all our relations well also. do not fail to make a start at the earliest moment for I wish to consult with you on important business &c - adieu Affectionately  
Mr D. H. Weston 3 Your son J. C. Weston



Dear Sir

Asper April 6th 1851

Received yours by  
yesterdays mail and as I have a  
safe opportunity to send this over  
to Fiketon by a Trusty man it is better  
to send it for if I were to wait for  
our mail it would be a week later  
we are drained in the Cash line  
and expect to be for some time to come.  
I borrowed this on N.P. credit  
as I could not think of disappointing  
you, although the Office has been  
wanting to borrow for some time.

This man is in a hurry to go  
over, Please consider this a business  
letter for in a few days I will write in  
answer to your last. and believe me

May D. H. Heaton  
Washington  
D.C.

Your Affectionate friend  
L. C. Heaton



London 6th June 1857.

J. F. Stephens

Amount due £30.00 the  
11 April 1857

Wm. C. Stephenson  
Esq.  
Bristol



since the 6th to finish this sooner I have  
had the chills & fever every day for the past  
week the Natives here say this is a sure  
sign it is about to leave for good, if it is the  
case I am sure it will not grieve me in  
the least as I have had the pleasure of its  
company to my hearts content,

You will  
please look over this tardy letter, in answer  
to your next I will go more into business  
matters and particulars generally, all our  
Relations are well as last heard from

No News of recent occurrence worth  
noting, so being nothing more of im-  
portance to communicate, I Remain

Yours for  
Mag. J. H. Weston  
Washington D.C.

Yours for  
L. C. Weston

March 14th 1851 -  
To Mr. Weston - says  
his health is not improved  
at all since his arrival at

Saturday 6 March 1851

Dear Sir

Received yours of 22<sup>d</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup> by last  
mail and hasten to answer the same and should have  
and should have acknowledged your previous  
favours but have been expecting an answer to  
mine wrote to you at Portsmouth about the the  
lost papers &c and until the last week my health  
has not improved since you left, and it is quite a  
severe task on my head to write, so you will see it  
is not from want of respect that I have not been  
more prompt in Correspondence,

I will endeavour to give  
you all the news likely to interest you but you must  
not be surprised if it should be short as I cannot  
write very long at a time, and here I must give you  
a piece of news which vexes me to recur to, and  
which you will justly feel angry to hear especially  
as it was caused by the reckless carelessness of our  
"Evil genius" Dr. Pine and still more so as it is the second  
time of almost a similar occurrence, Dr. P. has been seif  
-fering a Bull to run at large for several weeks to  
the great annoyance of every body, and great danger to  
cattle, a few days since a couple Yokes of Steers with a  
large stone chain attached while under the shed were



attacked by this Bull in one of his mad peakes, in trying to avoid him got the Chain fast to your Gig and dashed it with such force against some hewn timber lying there as to break both shares off close to the oars tree which enabled the Cattle to get rid of the Bull, but he coming back and seeing the Gig turned over commenced an assault on it and would no doubt have entirely ruined it if he had not been drove off, as it is against the law for the Owner of a Bull to let him run at large at this time a year and as Dr. P. has been cognizant of the fact but in different to the same, it is right that he should be responsible for the full amount of damages done and more particularly so as <sup>he</sup> treats it as a matter of course and does not express any sorrow at the recurrence of the accident although he knows this is the second time you have sustained damage at his hands of a similar nature.

Malvina's funeral was delayed two weeks after you left P. and we did not get the news of same for ten days there after so, we were not down, Cordelia and Jennie were up, and Matilda and Mary also, Estelle is taken by Cordelia to Eaton and the two

Youngest by Matilda, I was very sorry it so happened that we could not be down, Mr. Ross says it was impossible to give us the news in time for us to be down, the funeral was so long detained coming round it was not thought proper to open the Coffin, the Funeral Ceremonies were over on the same day of the arrival in P. I was pleased to hear you had sustained no injury in <sup>the</sup> missing the Papers I was fearful you might be in want of some of them at Washington they are in safe possession and you can get them as you come down the river by stopping where the notice directs &c

The Home Department is in a flourishing condition every way, all things go along like clock work in the New Administration. Pol is sitting and the other com. Officers are doing well, also Mazepa and the Turkes all of whom have been duly saluted as you requested and Nero & Don are looking out for you every day as I have told them you <sup>will</sup> be back by the middle of this month, On your <sup>will</sup> part you will be able to say how soon you <sup>will</sup> start for Home I would like it if you could make it convenient to arrive at an early day if your business <sup>will</sup> permit, I <sup>will</sup> be very glad to see you.

March 14 Have been to unwell



D. Paper 11 Jan 4 1887

Dear Pa

You will see by accompanying letters the mournful intelligence of Matrina's death. You will also notice by the dates of the same the importance of doing what is to be done quickly.

It is my sincere wish that we should all be there on this occasion without fail, would it not be best to telegraph to P. to know when the funeral takes place? As I am too unwell to drive down you had better come over and take Ma down <sup>(in the gig)</sup> and I can take C. Boat or coach and bring her back in the gig when it is all over &c in Great haste

Yr Affectionate Son  
J. C. Watson

Paper 11 Jan 4 1887  
J. C. Watson  
Writing to the  
death of Mrs Matrina  
Watson -

695  
607  
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Dear Sir  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the matter of the ...  
I am sorry to hear that you are not well, and hope that you will soon be able to resume your usual avocations.  
I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. M. Smith

Received of J. M. Smith  
the sum of \$100.00  
for ...  
J. M. Smith  
11th Nov 1861



Sir

Will you inform me whether Robert Shannon  
is living in or near Coatsville my letter <sup>to him</sup> remains  
unanswered. from which I infer he is no more or  
has left the place

L. F. Neaton  
Casper Ohio

per Dr. p. m. 3

Wednesday  
Dear Mr. Neaton  
I am very sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Robinson  
I hope you will be able to attend the funeral

Portsmouth Jan 11 1867

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Robert Shannon is living. my letter to him remains  
unanswered from which I infer he is no more or has  
left.

Sir



Dear Son Portsmouth 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 1867-

It is now just twelve o'clock  
at night. Am waiting for the packet, Cincinnati  
It is expected here in the course of an hour  
and I shall remain here writing until it  
comes. - I will write you but a few words  
as I have other matters to write before  
I leave.

Under the present circumstances  
it is not expected that you and your mother  
will be able to attend the funeral of your  
cousin Malvina Robinson. It is wholly uncer-  
tain when it will take place. - But if  
you can be advised of the time, if your  
health will permit, I would be glad if  
you and your mother could attend.  
But if not, do not risk your health  
but I must cease - I hear the scill  
of the packet.

Yours de  
D. F. Neaton  
L. F. Neaton





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Portsmouth 26<sup>th</sup> Dec, 48

Dear Husband

We received your letter a few days since with pleasure, although it was delayed so long I had feared some accident had happened you, don't keep me in suspense. The next week after you left Dr Dine came to town and called here to see you and have a Talk Opian came last Saturday week and left the Wednesday following with Mrs Dine & Isabella Leonidas lent him fourteen dollars, Opian said you had urged it on and promised help. The wedding is to come off the second Thursday in Jan'y Mrs Dine & Isabella was here frequently, from what she Mr Dine said I should urge Opian. is to rely on his own industry for a living and you know how that will be. the Dines are capable of any means I won't be surprised at any thing, they keep all dark about Isabella Mother but after the knot is tied they will cut with it easy enough and then comes heavy hearts to some of us. Opian will go headlong into it & repent after. They are very anxious for me to attend the wedding they say people will think I am not in favour of it & it makes me sick to think of it how could I live & see it we will have to hear all somehow - now to other things I am glad you have been so fortunate already I hope after the holidays are over you will get it acted on & finally succeed we must have good luck in something, has the dreaded Cholera got to Washington if not already it soon will be Eat no Oysters no fish Sleep in your boarding house not in your office

Portsmouth 26 Dec 1848

M. J. & G. M. M. M.

Mr Opian is going to Marine

St



as you might be taken sick in the night alone when you feel  
unwell go to bed and send for the best Dr in the city. mind these  
suggestions by all means I feel uneasy about you as you are so very  
cautious in your habits, as soon as you get this sit down & write  
to my father don't fool about that business but do it up  
write what you wish me to do, Leonidas and I get along finely  
& pleasantly. Matilda was here a few days enquired for you  
she looks quite well again, we have had a great deal of rain  
in the last week but the sun shines beautifully today & soon  
the dog went hunting, he will write when he returns & mail  
this. Send the Intelligencer & write immediately I want a letter  
from you in answer to this before that glances and it is two  
weeks from next Thursday & this Tuesday tell us what you think  
will be the result afterwards. Adieu Mica & Matton

Dear Father  
We were glad to find out at last you  
had arrived safely. We was fearful some accident had happened  
on account of your long delay in writing. I am very glad  
also to hear you speak so flatteringly of your prospects in  
getting through some of your land claims, I don't think there  
is any doubt but what you will get through two or three of them  
at Anyato.

John Perry a few days after you left, in relation to  
the track into he said he would see Walter when he came over  
and let me know what he said about it, he has not said anything  
more on the subject since. I haven't seen Murphy nor do I  
know he has been down, I will try and see him if possible when I

Go up to Jasper, all your other affairs are attended to ac-  
cording to order,

The wedding is to take place on the second  
Thursday in January. Ash has been down making quivering complaints  
against you he says you have to have given him the lot to sell to  
raise money for the wedding expenses and expressed a great deal  
of astonishment when learning you had sold it, he asked me  
to lend him money and of course I could not refuse him, although  
I have all the money I had about \$14.00 and agreed to his seamstress  
\$3.00 more for making his shirts, which placed him in a much more  
comfortable situation for it would have been impossible for him to  
get along without money and he had not a cent when he came down.

I told him it was my opinion that it was very foolish for  
a man attempting to get married without money to pay the neces-  
sary expenses that must unavoidably occur.

In concluding I would advise you by all means to secure  
your former position in the Land Office, I should not hesitate one moment  
about it, times are going to be very hard and money for the next  
two years will be very scarce and consequently no dependence  
can be placed in land speculations besides certainties are always  
better than uncertainties. Wishing you a merry Christmas and  
happy New Year, I remain your Affectionate Son

J. C. Matton

I desire you to answer soon & tell me if I can  
have a green french merino dress - I have not  
had one for years don't refuse M G H



Leander C. Horton Esq  
Portsmouth

Oct 8th 1848  
J. C. Horton

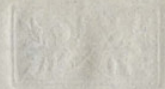
Portsmouth Ohio  
Oct 8/48  
Dear Sir

I am very sorry you did not let  
the Canal Driver have the man when he called  
for her as I had to pay him for going after her  
he said that you would not let him have her  
but you will please let any one that I send an  
Order have the man as I am wanting her every hour  
you will also show this to him and he will please  
attend to the same.

Now you will please trim a pair  
of pants for me off a w. Black Cassimere which you  
have that Rev. Mr. Johns asked me 100 per yd  
you will trim them with lining and also a  
Cheap Vest pattern and will rely upon your good  
tast and superior judgement any thing heavy and  
dark and have it made to fit your double  
breasted Take them both to J. H. Rogers he has  
my measurement for pants tell him to make  
them as he did the last pair and when they are  
made send them to Picketon in the stage by first  
opportunity he shall send them by some one  
who you can trust in care of Elyse Jeffords  
Picketon and by so doing you will oblige  
Oscar

W. B. I have been very busy since I and in this  
section. Will give you a long letter one of these days





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Portsmouth 17 May 1848

Dear Pa

I received your last yesterday Evening  
and hasten to answer as you requested at the  
earliest moment, I am glad you are so much pleased  
at our business increasing so fast, and there is no  
doubt but that it will keep on a steady increase for  
some time to come, i.e. until we get our Custom per-  
manently established, We recd our Secret Stock last  
evening which makes it the Harriet an Best in  
the place and Mr P. will start East in a week or  
ten days for more Goods, one day last week we  
sold and shipped four Boxes of Goods and the same  
week we sold more Goods than the whole town  
in the same time, that you may think is blowing but  
it is true to the letter. I have just taken up  
your letter for Ma and Ma to read, they will both  
write soon. Ma will send a copy of Currier's  
letter as you request. I am sorry you have not  
been able to get any Cash claims tho' but nothing  
of a private nature can be done these War times.  
I am tickled to death at the idea of Old  
Back running on the Whig tack he will be a  
sure horse and I am in favour of the Man that  
will beat, Clay cannot be elected so we will have  
to give him up. You say that Cunningham  
has sent for you to remit \$50, I will call and see  
him and let him know you will be out in a

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PORTSMOUTH  
MAY 19 1848

My Dear Mother  
Washington DC  
May 17

X  
(Good)



Received by Clay  
Portsmouth Ohio May 17  
the money will



few weeks, I think you will be able to raise  
some funds from your Land men when you  
come out and also be able to sell the <sup>House</sup> Lot in  
town. You were very lucky in having that  
Murphy & Read claim so it could be collected  
Read is flat broke. I have now answered  
all your queries in as brief a manner as pos-  
sible because you wished an early answer.  
You must now prepare yourself for  
some bad news. M. B. and Wife have come  
up with their now only child, which is not ex-  
pected to live, they will have the mournful  
duty to bury both their children in the space  
of a few months. Life is uncertain, no one  
knows when it will part from them, and death  
is certain and may come at a moment's warning.  
but as I don't profess to be a moralist  
I will cease, but when sitting Gods is on the top  
I am then <sup>in</sup> seven chances. As I wish to send  
this by this mail I cannot say any more.  
Come home as soon as you can, we will  
all be glad to see you and if business will  
permit I want to take a range with you  
on some of your hills on Bush Creek, Bear  
Creek and Turkey Creek.

Maj. H. F. Heaton

Yours Affectionately  
J. C. Heaton



Portsmouth Ohio  
31 April 1848

Dear Father

I have been expecting to receive an answer from you to my last letter for several weeks, as it has been full two months since I wrote, but have given it up and come to the conclusion to send you little to see how that would do, but I cannot say much for I have been very remiss in my duty to you, for not corresponding oftener,

In my last I believe I gave you a history of my business operations of the Past. Present and the Prospective Future the latter I believe ended in coming out of the Shanks, My expectations have been more than realized, the Spring trade has opened very fair, My business is on a steady increase, our Spring <sup>stock</sup> is so reduced we have been compelled to order almost as much more, and intend giving the latter part of May or 1st June for a second supply, this is much better than I had any idea we would be able to do, I expected to have a little plan up as usual in opening new goods but did not think we would have to replenish so soon, As Ossian was away when I was compelled to have assistance I took into my employ a Young Man of Capability and influence who has been of great service to the Concern, being well acquainted in the Furnace region and Kentucky trade two of the most important trades that comes to Portsmouth which as it increases will enable me to take in Ossian as we will have more business to do than our self be got along with, without his assistance and at the same time pay

Received of Washington  
April 2nd 1848  
Mail

Received of my Father  
Portsmouth Va. April 1848 -  
Trade done with



- him well for his services, he has the capacity for a first  
rate business man all he lacks is the application, he dis-  
- likes to settle down, he is fond of variety and change and  
doesn't like to be confined too closely, cruising down the  
river on a flat boat suits his ideas better than selling tape  
and hopping over mountains, there is no doubt but what there is  
more fun in it, but whether or not it will produce the requisites  
to make the Pot boil is a feature in the case that if I should  
argue, would be very apt to come to the conclusion that it  
would be very cold boiling as the substance would be lacking.

Most people have an idea that Making is a very easy in-  
- deed, mode of Making a living, on the contrary, nothing is more  
hazardous and difficult, ten or twelve years ago all that was  
required, was the Goods, and with any sort of Management  
the Owner could not help Making Money. Now it is differ-  
- ent, the Country is flooded with Goods and instead of  
Goods being taken in exchange as a favour, it is now con-  
sidered a great favour to the Seller to dispose of his Goods  
at a bare living profit, especially New Stores stand under  
disable disadvantages as they have to make their Custom from  
houses of Years standing, so now it requires Capital, Capacity,  
entering industry and perseverance to accomplish what could  
have been done a few years ago with Capital alone.

Wm. B. Gray a Merchant here is closing his business  
because he has been three years at it and not made  
any thing and I have no doubt that one or two more will  
do the same, before the year is out, so I will keep  
a Snapping Turtle hold, for the more leases the better it  
will be for the balance, and then it will not be long

before business will find its true balance and then there will  
be some chance of Making something, we do not expect to make  
much this year on account of the fall in Goods, but we will  
increase the amt. of our business so that next year, our profits  
will increase in proportion and I am confident, that time to  
be able to do as good a business as the best Stores in the  
place.

Ossian has returned from his Southern Tour in fine  
health and spirits, but I suppose he has written to you  
all about it, about shooting the Spring Duck and his  
speculation in Out, All family matters are getting  
along finely, Your Brush Creek Customers have not  
deposited any money for you yet, but money is get-  
ting plentiful and you will be able to get some from them, when  
you come out, and sell some more land also I think.

Remember when you write say when you will come out  
and give the news generally, I would like to know who  
are likely to be the Candidates on both sides, I think  
it will be Clay vs. Cass and if it is Clay will be defeated  
again, Scott could be elected against the world if he  
has the nomination, but the Whigs don't go in for the  
most available man to run, which is the reason they are so  
often defeated, You must excuse this Epistle as I have  
no time to write but after business hours, I think we  
are all now in a flourishing condition, Ossian says  
he is going on, "St. Paul" in the Southern trade as clerk,  
Mr. B. will get him on a first rate Boat, and they pay good  
Salaries from 50¢ to 75¢ per month, Your Affectionate Son  
L. C. Weston



Portsmouth March 6/48

Dear Pa

Tomorrow I start for New Orleans  
in a Flat Boat and am taking with me some 300 bu  
Oats I buy Oats here at 30 cts pr bu sacked and at  
present they bring at New Orleans 47 cts when we  
get to Cinthi I think of getting some 100 of Eggs  
for them at 100 pr Btl and if the market does  
not fall in Eggs will get 42 or 50 cts which will  
be a handsome advance on what we have some 30 cts  
going down will remain in New Orleans some 4  
days it will take at Boat 8 cts from New Orleans  
to Portsmouth which will make 42 cts from  
home - So as with Board at Home during  
my absence your letter says that you will be at  
Home about the 1st of April come day before  
I get back when I get to New Orleans I will buy some  
Fruit and make a profit so that my expenses going  
and coming will be nothing

The affair at Home is all O.K. all well  
Lidia Beldwin sends her love and all your affection  
to you. Mat & Josh have just returned from Cinthi  
Mat gives very much a lot poor little Long Uncle  
Mat has lost his youngest child it died some 2 weeks  
since at Cinthi of Scurvy. Even they brought it here to bury  
Aunt is losing all her Boulders. I must close  
Yours affecly O. Beaton

Portsmouth 6 March 48

Dear J. Beaton -

On leaving home

you will pay 50 or

100 cts for the horse -

Myself will make

to live on to our land

to do so

Wm. B.

Washington City

Pa.

Land to Beaton Reg



Dear Pa, You will have to give me a good whipping when you  
come out for treating me with so much neglect, but I am not  
quite so neglectful as you think me. I wrote you in a part of Opian's  
letter some weeks since, and I requested Ma to write a post in  
hers but she was in such a hurry to mail it that I did not  
get an opportunity. I will write you again in a few days by  
Mr Russell as he starts East for Goods, for the Home and the  
Lower Store, Maria was about to mail this letter today, but I told  
him I would finish it and mail this evening. It is rather a  
sudden notion he has taken to float down the Ohio but he anticipates  
having both a very pleasant and profitable trip and I have no doubt  
but what it will be realized at all. I think I would prefer rather a  
swifter conveyance, while I think of it. Mr Jones was here a few  
days ago and told me to tell you he was very sorry he had not  
been able to raise the money he had promised but that he would  
get it as soon as possible. I told him you would require all  
the money. You could possibly make and scrape to buy Warrants  
with so he promises to bring down 50 or a few more by the  
1st Ap! And you can inform me whether to deposit it or  
send it on to you in case he does. But if you come out about  
the 1st Ap! I think you will be here before he brings it down.  
Mr Thompson wishes still to adhere to the land trade he com-  
menced with you last fall, he says he is doing very well  
selling his lumber as fast <sup>as</sup> it is sawed, I have been selling  
him goods on credit to the amt. of \$30 which I think he is  
perfectly good for, he has just got married, so I think he will

— do very well. Mr Burr was in talking something  
about some business you were doing for him but I  
do not now recollect exactly what it was, but I believe  
the amt. of it was that he wished to know if you did not  
want a Power of Attorney, this I believe is all the news I can  
give you about your own affairs so I will now give some  
of my own — This has been a most rascally bad sea-  
— son for the Tape trade, it sits in unusually dull in the fall  
but it would have improved had it not been for the  
floods which carried off all the produce of the Farmers  
on the Scioto & Ohio Bottoms the only source which they relied  
on not only to pay their debts but also to get those ne-  
— cessaries which they stood in need of. And the few, the re-  
few, who have a balance on hand hold on to it like grim  
and it is almost as hard to pull it out of them, as to pull  
teeth, however I cannot complain, for we have been doing as  
well as our neighbours and as we have been doing a Cash  
business we have the goods in place of bad debts, so taking  
all things into consideration I have done as well as could be  
expected under existing circumstances. We will replenish  
our Stock with new goods and hope for the best, business  
may open in the Spring, if it does not, we will fight on  
Nip and tuck the year out and if things don't improve  
we will make one grand blowout and go at some-  
thing else, but I think we will manage to get through  
by tight squeezing so I will keep a stiff upper lip at any  
rate, and hope you will do the same, so that in the end  
we will all come out of the rinks, adieu. L. C. Theaton



Pottermouth Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 1848

Dear Husband

This is the third time since you left I have wrote you and but one short letter have you wrote me, but I will leave you to your own conscience about these matters. The enclosed sheet I cut from the last Tribune it will inform you that the County seat is removed from Washington to Mayeville, I wish measures taken immediately to get my share as here you must not put off & delay like you have with the Cynthia's property. You could add greatly to my ease & comfort by a very little exertion if you only would but as it rests with you I will say no more we are trying to do the best we can in economising in every thing & reads attends to things I do assure you there is no bills now as formerly I do all my own work except every other week Mrs. Munn washes the woman that lives in the Sprigg house I hope by an care & economy you will have nothing to find fault with when you return I am thus minute to set your mind easy - it may possibly turn out through some chance I may obtain something if you don't sit by & let me be cheated out of every thing then the burden can be lightened for I will assist and bear a part, it is as much to your own as to my interest to again make efforts to regain our key property. The time will soon run round when we will have Scott for our president. Polk is too contemptible to name his recall of Scott will assist the whig cause I respect him & even if he is a catholic we must not think of that as it will only give strength for they will unite and go in a body for him

19<sup>th</sup> Feb 1848

Mrs. Munn

Relating to the interest  
in the Totten & Grand Army sale  
County seat of Mason County  
to Mayeville - Public property &  
subsequently being to original  
proprietors & donors - Will & Co.

David J. Keane Esq

Washington City

21<sup>st</sup>



I still wish we could have Clay or Cowen but next to them  
I prefer Scott although there are two things that make me recoil  
he is a catholic and a human slayer but we must shut  
our eyes to these two dark spots, I must hurry to a close poor dear  
Malvina she has grieved and mourned for little Louis until  
they thought best to take her away to Cincinnati if it dont  
cause her death I will be glad she sinks under it and  
has no power to govern her feelings - I dont wonder at it  
for I would be just the same way Oh how I pity her  
I received a letter from Mary a week since she told  
me to give her love to you - Liz Kof has got up another  
gub with Matilda to keep Mary away if she should come  
out - I am writing with Lons gold pen but I prefer a goose  
quill pen my writing looks ugly - try also and find out  
something about the Shannon concern if you do attend  
to these three things I will never forgive you while I live  
the Louisiana claim the Washington and Shannon  
Oh do for the Lords sake

I am  
Mia I Heaton