

Tophic Estate January 2 1835

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My Dear Aunt

Your very acceptable letter of 9th of
July was longer than customary in getting to hand, but
I must confess that it had never before been with me for
some time and ought to have been replied to before this
but a constant press of business and all worked much
behind hand must plead my excuse, indeed you will
have sometimes to defend me to yourself for an occasional
delay by the consideration that I have the wants of 300
being to attend to and their labours to direct, without
losing sight at the same time of other affairs
I presume you quit your business after mature reflection
and take it from granted that you have done for the best
What Aunt Rachel received by direction of Mr. Pike is
truly a mite, and I now place under cover of the present
a letter for her enclosing a Sterling Bill for her use for
£50. I enclose fifty pounds of it, which I trust will get safe
to hand, and receipt of the present acknowledged by you
to give me assurance thereof. I especially note the amount
of £100.78.4 which I calculated on, please to say
what Currency? I do not at present signify date it has I am
somewhat behind in mean, but I shall hear it ever in

mind and endeavour to pay it off perhaps in a couple of
years and if prior to each settlement I should be called hence
it will be found included in my testament - My trip to the United
States cost me much, not but to go there from a total outlay as
in Chapel St. to be here from negligence to Estate & such
I certainly have been favoured by feeling no inclination to
ardent spirits in fact my system forbids stimulants -
I hope the best for Uncle William but it is a vice unfortu-
nately but seldom got over, however he must now find him-
self situated so as to have powerful motives to refrain in
I make this year but a very poor one not in fact suffi-
cient to meet expense incurred for Property but I have
every prospect of a good one next year and if the
price of the Article be maintained I cannot fail of soon
being clear of all embarrassments - I have not enjoyed
as good health latterly as I could wish, not however any
thing dangerous but little physical ailment sufficient to
torment and irritate - Give me all the news when
you write and as I have already said let me soon
for beg you to bear in mind that although I object
to crossing lines, that I shall not do so in case of half
a dozen sheets postage, in fact the heavier you make
postage the better I shall be pleased, I now send you

trip letter and you will oblige me by getting the postage
paid by Aunt Rachel out of the draft sent forward, as
postage comes heavier on you than it does on me, things of
this nature are not viewed as close in the quarters of
the world as in Ohio & Ireland, indeed it is very probable
that the Merchant who returns my letter may not even
charge me for them

You will of course hand the enclosed
to Aunt Rachel and ask her in having the drafts
forwarded for acceptance and payment and trans-
mit me under cover of your or any letter or letters
which she may address me

Adieu Dear Aunt
y^r Affectionate Nephew
James Wright

P.S. I remember Thomas Knowl well and recollect getting up
a battle royal between him and his brother the former held
by me being a paper of Paesent to the Congress
I repeat don't think of postage it never enters my
mind unless brought before me in this well to say
that every thing appears to go on well in Ohio
J. W.

I have been thinking of writing to you for some time but have been so busy that I could not find time to do so. I am now at the desk creating a duplicate however interested

Mrs. Martha Wright
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we may be, indeed it is only the excitement of writing that now keeps me afloat for both hand and mind would otherwise have been up

D. B.