

Embargo de Cuba October 21st 1842

Dear Aunt

I had the pleasure of writing to you on the 21st of July, exactly a quarter of a year ago, and it was my last, unless I have forgotten to make note of it, which I do not think has happened, at all events more than that period had elapsed, since I have had the satisfaction of receiving any of yours for your last date is May 31st, however as I got a few lines from Jonathan of the 11th of July, I know that you were then well, and about moving to Thomas St, so that I shall direct this to your new domicile. It was grateful to my feelings to be aware, that you were thinking of me upon reading the statement of the earthquake, an account of which if I mistake not I have already given you.

I am nearly sorry to have to say, that my expectation of leaving this for Ohio, on my way to my beloved native land, appears to slip away from me, as I approach the goal, and good news knows when I shall be able to fulfil it, for it cannot now be earlier than April 1844 or there abouts, and thus my unfortunate disappointment has been brought about. That is to say last month we received advice from Mr Dufour of one of our capitalists now residing in France, informing us of his intention of commencing business for himself in that city, and of his determination consequently to withdraw his means from our establishment on the first instant, and within the same week information reached us, that Mr Shelton another of our capitalists was, melancholy to say, deranged so as to

make it requisite for his relatives to place him in an asylum in the
United States where he resides, which compelled us of necessity to re-
create his connection with the renewed firm, and consequently to prepare to
pay up his capital and profit, now as these two retirement means
amounted to about \$28,000. To say One hundred and forty thousand
dollars, it became impracticable for me to withdraw without bearing
altogether too heavily upon Mr. Cook, the only remaining capitalist,
or breaking up the concern in toto, neither of which however desirous I was
of retiring could I bring myself to effect, for the first would have
been ungenerous to my remaining partner, and the latter destructive of
the hopes of two good worthy young men junior partners of just fair
beginning life, therefore I felt myself called upon to continue my share
in the wheel for awhile longer, and agreed to further association
for three years, undertaking the direction of the business for the first
eighteen months, with a positive understanding that my time after-
wards should be entirely at my own disposal, the house having
no further claim upon it, and that it was entirely left to me, so to
manage the concern, as to enable it to place at my disposal all
my realized means, within the stipulated eighteen months, thus it
must be my own fault if I be not able to march then. I have felt
the postponement of my departure much, especially as I had pledged
myself to Mehems. to be in Ohio with means to aid him without
fear next spring, to remedy which all in my power I have told him
to call for all he wants, and that he shall have it, for it has
been a very distressing time for the two past years in the States

I was greatly pleased a short time since by
a letter from father, in which he says, that his general health was
very good, but that he continued to be troubled with his old com-
plaint of the hip joint. He weighed 220 pounds, wrote as free
as I do, and in very good spirits. From St. Charles my date
reach August 20th and it is extremely consolatory to know that
he was then almost over the effects of his two unfortunate mis-
haps, entirely so as regarded his head, and his hips and shoulder
only troubling somewhat during exercise. I feel deeply thankful that
the Almighty has spared him to his large family. He stated that
wife William and all our relatives were well, and says that John
I received your letter of May 18th, on the 8th of June. which was
very quick travelling indeed.

I am not myself as well as usual, having
been affected latterly by an intermitting pulse, and
suffering from too full a habit, so I have put myself again
upon a very spare diet, on the 10th instant when I began to do
so I weighed 198 1/2 pounds and this forenoon 189 1/2 and feel
somewhat relieved, but I intend to bring myself
down to 175 and stay there for awhile, it is however no great
sufferance, and I attend business matters as usual, but one
does not like to know that such an organ is out of tune.

I am dear aunt your affectionate nephew
James Wright

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