

Barre, Vt.

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Dear Nath^l

I am glad to find that you have become a part owner of your adopted country. In which hitherto you have been so fortunate I suppose it is on the slope of the Blue Mountains and 600 feet will make a considerable difference in the temperature and "He that provideth not for his own (especially the feminine portion of it) is worse than an infidel." I suppose the youth with a double chin is like

My grandfather P. Henderson
was very scientific and
with a college education
will be soon able to provide
for himself, but Mary Eliza
may - like our Jenny
be an old Maid, and
service would be hard
when old age overtakes us.
There is not the least
prospect of a wedding
at Beonygadfar, but the
future owner is courting
"uncommon strong" and
like the rest of our Males
is disposed to marry a
"sweeper" lass, it seems
hard after us toiling all
our lives to get a bit of
furniture around us, and
like an old cow or horse
get used to our stall

(3) To give all up to another man's daughter
who brings us 'grief' to the mill. And
as John & Fanny are good & beautiful
and have worked so hard to support
us in our old age I suppose we must
not cross them, but get some cheap 'fixins'
that will last our time; your mother
complains bitterly of the work and I
am quite helpless and passed a good
deal of last winter in bed. Your Uncle
John is dead of Rheumatic Fever and Aunt
Mary is at Rhyl slowly recovering from
the same dire complaint, our Fanny

(4) with Aunt Sarah Lane is with her
so your mother has all the work from
18 cows. cooking cleaning & washing & do herself
servants being very dear & difficult to get
I think Mary Lizzie's birthday is soon and
if I find I can do without I will send
her \$50 as you ought to have a respectable
shanty for a "professor" & principal
even if you eat one side of your mother
Mr Whitfield has been about taking the
Donnetts but Miss Wright would not
lower the rent and all previous tenants
have failed there so he must remain
where he is, where there is no room to take

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no as lodgers and Gobown
has no bushes or shrubs
behind which I can go
to perform the requirements
of Nature, and I want
the use of a pony occasionally
without being put to the
expense of keeping a groom

I should think the present
panic is something like
the "reign of terror" caused
by Kelly some years ago
Boodle has been very ill
this summer of heart trouble
but is now better and
seems disposed to "cheat the
gumbs for a little while
longer, the news from
America is more cheering

Heal has shifted 100
miles nearer to Eytan
Jones whose kindness
is better, I suppose the
Railway will grant you
a "season ticket" from your
new home to your work
with our united love
I remain your affectionately
Geo Jones

P.S. John is summoned
before his betters for using
a gun without a licence &
Wallace Dyer is to defend
him