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Lawrence K. T. Jan 4th 65

Dear Father & Mother.

Yours of the 27th ult is at hand, bring a long time detained from me written by Margaret dated 10th Dec arrived with it at the time. We have written to you of late but owing to the irregularity of the Mails it is very uncertain whether they go safe or not. We are very sorry to hear of Robert being so afflicted with the Rheumatism. Cotton clothing is a very unhealthy kind of dress in the winter season. It is somewhat strange to find so young a person so much afflicted with that disease. Well we did the best we could for him. As to what you should bring with you I mean your Bed & Bed clothing all as feathers cannot be had in this country at all. You need not over load yourself with clothing as you will have but little need for such here. Were it not for Ready's family I would advise you to all come by the Cars & boats. & I still think it would be best for you & Mother & Margaret & Sam & Robert if he is sickly to come on the cars long & let George & William bring Ready's family & the wagon through. It will take near two months to come by wagons from