

Williamsport Ind

May 28<sup>th</sup> 1854

Dear Father + Mother

I have wanted to write  
you some time but did  
not know what to write.  
I finally effected my  
sale of that - it did not  
go back, and the meanest  
Irishman in Dakota  
bought it - and I hope  
the neighbors will  
appreciate him for  
they never did Pennin  
+ I except - Clark's family  
after paying what I was  
obliged to pay I had  
nothing left - to speak of  
besides my stock I  
told Louis if he could  
not send you any  
money to come down

here with that I  
 would send you some  
 out of my first  
 earnings you could  
 come here to me  
 for about  $\frac{1}{2}$  what  
 you could go to St Paul  
 for. I got a Bond and  
 had Louis sign it - and  
 forward to you to sign  
 then return to the Co  
 Bastin Forster & Co  
 I talked with Bastin  
 about you when I  
 came down he was  
 fearfull you was to  
 hold to stand it to  
 walk around town  
 and deliver the Book  
 weighs some 10 or 12 lbs