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My dear Mat

I presume Mr Brown has been with you lately is probably there at this time, he was so unwell when he left home, that I have been very uneasy about him and when I hear from him he is no better I hoped, when he got away from the office he would feel better. I got a letter from him on yesterday he was sick when he wrote Wednesday night and I shall feel very uneasy indeed till I hear from him again and I may not hear for several days, but I will try to hope he is better. I want him to stay up there for some time if he thinks he feels like he was improved by it, for he needs rest badly, must take it

waited on him at the table: since he broke his arm Celia has to feed him at a side table. I have a few young chickens. I believe two are weaned. Celia wants to know Georges babes name: She is well as usual. Mary is anxious to get on summer clothes, I tell her I will let her commence in April, She wants me to get her a bought hoop skirt badly. I want to get her some aprons soon have not made any since last fall and she is needing some. The children all join me in love to you and sister and children and all the friends who desire to hear from us, we would all be glad to see you. Capt Robins has a daughter he has now a son and daughter. I hope you will not expose yourself too much in the garden this Spring, I fear you will have chills again. I hear of much sickness in Cherokee. Let me hear from you as often as you can. I greatly sympathise with aunt Melinda she has many sore trials. I am sorry to hear that mother and sister Nancy have been so unwell. I hope Jane will soon be well.

Very affectionately yours
E. Brown

I have just read that sun flowers planted in the yard will prevent fevers; in its growth it absorbs the elements of fever. No harm to try it will you plant some?

The babes arm is better, the Dr. says it is well, but I will keep it in a sling for several days longer. I think Frank is better than he has been at any time since he came down here. The other children are well. I am very well in body, but very uneasy in mind. I have been making the children some summer clothes since Mr. Brown left, Emma has been helping one, we have made eight garments she sews as well as I do, but not so fast I wanted to have their clothes made before I had to quit. I have been teaching the children this year this takes up the most of my time, but I think they are learning some, and that is some compensation. I believe Joe would be willing to go and stay awhile with you and I may let him go the next time his pa goes, if he does not get out of this notions. I hear cousin Lizzie is gone to Dalton I hope she will visit cousin Jack Craig cousin Hammond and at Judge Hammonds I think they are such nice people at old Mr. Hammonds. The weather is now warm and we have rain ever two or three days. My Irish potatoes are coming up I only planted a peck, I feared the late frost I will have some cabbage plants ready to replant in a week. I intended to send you some pepper seed, by Mr. Brown, but forgot it, it is for pickling. I suppose Mr. Brown gave you the things that you wrote for, I returned your bags also. The children are pleased with the book you bought for them. I thought of sending uncle Jimmys last letter to you but neglected to do so, uncle Elijah was a little better. Brother Johns babe James and Jimmys children all have the Whooping cough, the little babe was quite sick with it. Elijahs eye is still sore, has been about one thing for a month, I would be so glad if he could get well, he is learning to talk we think very fast, and is very little trouble although he has been so much afflicted: he misses his pa at meal times he always