

My Ancestress Mary Ct. If you will have been better for you which John Pennock of the

fair trial. - The Party case is a very funny one, in fact decidedly unique. It is a case where fact is stranger than fiction. I should think that happy families must be constituted upon, the same principle as Barnums when the members are kept well stuffed with food to prevent them from eating each other up! I presume the mother is a woman with very strong alimentive ass and very weak gustativeness and deficient in idealty. May they prosper! But don't you think you will miss making the acquaintance of some rare specimens of humanity by not calling upon them? By the way Perrin was the name of a woman who used to call very frequently to see Col Burke. He told her once that it was very extraordinary that her children should have red hair when both she & her husband both had black! He used to visit Springfield sometimes. - I see they have been trying to abolish Haynes' Court. I am glad they did not succeed. If they had he would have been sorry he had not gone on

Here is another check full of pretty much nothing, but you will have to be satisfied with it, as there is nothing else to be had in the neighborhood.

I will try to send you some more money in a few days - as soon as I get my pay-roll. I have, however, kept this week. I have made my duty the 15th of Sept. 715 to that I can't say it as well as, but I think the less I have the less I depend. I have sent many letters to you all. I am to count on your all. I am to be done by doing
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If you have a printer correspondent I would like to know who he is!

The snow will probably turn to
sleet before the storm is over,
which will make it exceedingly
disagreeable to get about. I hope
it will end that it will keep on
raining until it is ready to stop
for good. The weather has been so
fine and dry for so long a period
that my present "horror" has been
of a move from our present camp
to be caught as soon as we get
fairly started in a storm and
to flounder around in the mud
and water for a month or two.
Such completely disgusted individuals
as it often seldom becomes the lot
of humanity to be. Now that a
storm has let in there is some
hope that we stick here until
there is less prospect of our sticking
any else where. — I am glad to
learn that Bessie has improved &

My health is perfect, never better in my life. My habits are in good. I
quit drinking at all the last day of last month and I think that of the
drink any more except in special cases, until I get old enough to
be able to do so.

I hope she will continue to do so.
In my last, sent yesterday morning, I
informed you of the letter I had
written home about that position
in Washington. I wish you would
speak quietly to your Uncle John
about it and urge him to do what
he can. Also write me what he
says and what has been done
that I may know as early as pos-
sible. — You say nothing about
the Ogden note so that I suppose
it has not been paid, — and con-
sequently Secret note and S.V.P.'s
interest has not been paid. I
wish it were otherwise. But I
have reiterated on this subject in
one of my late letters, so I will
say no more now. I think your
plan is a good one and will have
excellent results if strictly carried
out. I hope you will give it a

March. 23. The snow is a foot deep in front
of my tent this morning. I do not know
how deep it is on a level but it
must be six inches, perhaps more. It
is not my present intention to wade
out to discover the depth. The sun is
shining very brightly, which means the
storm is not over, or that it is said to be the
sign when it clears off in the night. If
it should come on to rain this would
probably be a thoroughly flooded country

The high water might interrupt rail
road travel for a few days and that
case we should probably suffer for
something to eat. I shall give our
caterer a hint to lay in a full supply
for fear of accidents, as I don't feel
like sustaining life on hard tack and
coffee until we are fairly in the
midst of the campaign. - We have
plenty of nice fresh eggs - some of them
laid by our own hens, but Miss Ma-
ry's doubts to the contrary not with-
standing! and we have one hen sitting!!
What do you think of that? The eggs will
probably be hatched about the time we leave.