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Anoka Oct. 31/85

Mr Butler

Dear Sir

yours of the
27th was duly received and
I have been to see the parties
building the different Mills
at this place. They have all
the help they can employ
for the winter the Mills are
about to stop running and
they have several good workmen
in them that want all the
places that may be open.

But I think if you were
to come down here perhaps you
might get work. I would sooner
do it than stay there

Yours Respl

John Mayall

Dec 3
Kingsville Minn
June 22



Mr Benja Frank Butler
Fairbairn
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Minnesota

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J.P.O. now R.E.
Kingston Meeke Co.
7-6-1857 - To 2-28-1907

Rural Branch
1907 - O.P.

June 5 1859

Dear Frank

Forgive me for not answering your letter before but my time is so taken up with my family that I hardly have time to look in a book, much more to sit down and write, and I fear that when I do write my letters are uninteresting to a bachelor in love although I am glad to hear that you are at last caught. We are all as well as usual which cannot be called good health. John and Jane both taking medicine daily. I am glad to hear that your health is good and spirits cheerful and so makes me happy to hear that you are happy, I wish you could come down this summer Hannah is coming she writes she will start from Detroit tomorrow if possible, George is coming with her, and John will come on during the summer to return with her. You think that things must be changed it is so what but the places are probably not so changed as the people there are many of the old ones gone home to their reward.

and many young ones come among us to try their
parts in the great life drama. I attended the
funeral of Rev. Mr. Hopkins today he died at his
residence in Honeywack and was brought here for
interment. Mr. Rufus Tolson died last week.
O yes I remember all those old transients
we should like to take them over again with
you as it was the company we had in the absence
from care that made us happy then. I remember
that black eye in particular. I expect if it had
not been for that I should have had an offer
you remember who wanted to write on me to
the picnic, but that refusal frightened the
bird away, to Mother's chagrin. I always thought
it would be so nice to settle near home and in
the country but enough of this. I don't look back
so much as I used to do. I try to look forward and
do my duty. I am glad to hear that you are trying
to do yours also. I for one always respected
you and expect to call you Honorable yet
and I love you as I do my own happiness.

and think of you a great deal of time than I could
tell. May you be happy, very happy with that little
sunbeam of yours, and keep a sharp lookout ahead
and shield her from the inevitable sorrows which
a crowding the lot of all mortals, in this world of
trials, matrimony is a serious question, some are
really happy in that state unless they share each
others' cares and recreations, joys and sorrows.
Your letter is mailed Apr 27. I feel frightened
when I think how negligent I have been, time passes
like the meter to me, and I can fully realize now
that we are as a vapor, the last about 5 feet.
My Willie is 11 years old just think how old and
Marian & I must look just now, and you are just
beginning life. Mother is with me she does not
know that I am writing, or she would send love
in perhaps next to put in a few lines, but I
must close this tonight that it may be ready in
the morning, and tomorrow is a busy day with me
Monday is my wash day. I must close, give my love
to Miss — — — what you call her I have forgotten
her name excuse me wait you, and take the longest

share of love for you self. And in the soon
and I remain your affectionate friend

Joanna

P.D. will direct this to Thigslan in your next letter.
where to direct you make so many changes I hardly
know how to keep up with them.



P. J. Butler Esq.
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Mass.

Forest City Dec^r 11/1839
Friend Butler:

Dear Sir,

I answer
to yours of this morning. I'm
sorry that owing to that "bit
of a skirmish" at our Thanks-
giving dance, there will be
nothing here on Christmas
and probably nothing more
this winter. I shall not ab-
scond another this winter, if I
ever do, at Atkins's and
from two or three persons. I
think it best for us not to
go to Fairham or any other
place, one is we can not
get out few who I would

wish to go with & others with
whom I cannot go - have
heard that we thought of going
and were crowded in & if they
can not be had at home
we will not be very apt to away -
and again a good train
can not be procured very
handily - we may get out
before Spring but I think it
doubtful -

I shall go about in
course of two or three weeks
and perhaps sooner - shall
call and see you - I shall
be happy to hear from you
at any and all times

Yours Truly
— L. A. Skinner



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James City Apr 13/60

B. J. Butler Esq

Will you let out
your ground here? I will
work it if you will put it
low enough. But I can't
afford to pay much.
Respectfully Yours

T. C. Court

Please answer by return
mail.



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