

My Dear Cousin,

The great press of business in Haying, and Harvest near at hand is likely to prevent or has prevented. William going to Waterloo as soon as his Father expected, I thought I would inform thee of it lest thou should stay home on the account we should be very glad to have a visit from thee but suppose thy business is also confining, I was pleased to hear thou was able to get so suitable a housekeeper, I hardly know how to touch upon the subject that so deeply affects both thee, and us, it seems constantly with me, it was some time that I did not know that I should be able to keep about, and rise above ^{it} affected my health to such a degree, and my sympathy for thee has been as much as my heart has been capable of. There is one thing we know ^{Dear Cousin} we must give her up, and we know not how to shall survive her, then the great and important business is prepare for death, and that will increase our comfort in life,

I hope thou will excuse me for writing so little
and accept our united love and tender feelings

from thy affectionable Cousin as thou art

Amey Melnell

Hector 27th of 7th mo. 1834

RJ Jesse wishes me to say perhaps he shall send both the boys and get a load of Charts. Brother Joshua says they are to be had for 9 Cents per bush if thou thinks best thou may engage 40 or 60 bushel

do write

A M

A. Mekeel
Letu 7-27 1834

Richard P. Hunt

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