

Middlebury July 19 1811—

Dear Sir,

I wrote you last week, which you have probably recd. - some little scraps of business present which require information; Daniel Foot of Cornwall says that he bro't hay, in the fall of 1809 to settle or nearly settle the demand in favor of Jabez Bicknow or him - which he says you recd. I promised to make the application on that demand, then in Judgt. - is it so?

What did you do with the business of Fish or Hendrick?

Interesting to you, it is said that you entered bail for Lyman Clarke in a suit vs him in the name of /Skillem/ Luther Blodgett ~~in~~ in your C. Ct. - you had better look to it. The case was served here by Mops Leonard S. D. J. - if not in Blodgett's name, he is the Atty.

July 26 I recd yours of 22 by last mail, wish I had more time than is allotted me, to answer it. - I shall not attend Woodstock Sub. Court, as our C. Ct. sits the day before that, and yet I am unwilling to relinquish the idea of your being here at Court. - I shall have a great many things to say to you, I do not hesitate to tell you as my opinion, that you had better leave Chester & seek a place more congenial to your feelings, if your letter is the expression of your feelings, I cannot but think you spending your time worse than to no purpose, that you are in state of deterioration, pardon the expression / you must disentangle yourself from those ligaments which confine & gall your best faculties, break the gordian knot

and

let them four - there are other places than
Chester where people can live, the world is wide,
look you out a place that suits you, & go to
it, & stick close to business, you cant fail of suc-
-cess - fortune seldom bestows her favors without
asking, but always with: look on the other side
of the picture a little while & the scene will
change & present to you enraptured views a
thousand flattering prospects; youth, and health,
and constitution, and education, and talents,
and habits adapted to business, a disposition cal-
culated to please, - affability & sociability to
acquire & retain friends, - unengaged with the
concerns of a family - none to provide for but
your self - capable of accomplishing whatever
you design, & becoming any what you please,
the chair of seats in the temple of fame is
now offered you, you have only to choose,
decide, & the work is done.

I could if present with you, express my mind
more fully. but this sketch I leave to you to
amplify, & ramify at pleasure & leisure,

No one in my acquaintance, has more flattering
prospects than you, / I being the Judge / I should think
you might almost control fate itself,

I doubt not but you might get a good living
in this town, if the place suits you better than
any other; a application would furnish busi-
-ness - & business cash, & cash all things / as
some say / at least a great many good things,

I cant say more at present, call -

I shall have to send to Woodstock on acct. of Black
business - that is cruel beyond description. -

write me soon, & tell when you calculate to
come - & whether you can be here, so that I can
send by you to Woodstock, part of the bank.

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August 27th 1811

answered

July 27

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