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From daddy Franklin T

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~~Franklin~~

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No. 20.

by the May flower.

December. 1838.

My dear Zattier,

I hope you have long since received accounts of our restoration to our usual state of health - I do not know whether there was an epidemic or not at the time I was ill, but there happened to be much low fever at the time. This however was not my complaint, nor have I any reason to believe the climate of being in fault as respects myself - It is notwithstanding the most fickle climate in the world

The changes in one day are
remarkable - yet the extremes
of winter and summer are
but moderate. In fact I think
the weather like the general
aspect of our evergreen nature
is much the same in winter
and summer - we have none
of the horrors of winter which
you have experienced for the
last two years. I have never
myself seen snow on the
ground at this place and in
summer with few exceptions,
it is always desirable to take
a fur cloak or a cloak of some
sort out in the carriage with
you, and a fire when fuel is
so abundant is seldom des-
pised with - I believe Dan

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visited Port Denison and Macquarie
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