Pay Dear Friend

Joseph Benson Mather

The Pilgrims this Father have not returned from the Schooners. I have taken up my pen to write a few lines. The weather has been very calm and pleasant until this day, when the wind rose high and they cold blowing from S.West. It has increased this afternoon so that there is no prospect of their coming home by the Boat. If any come, they must walk round by Rob. Hepburn's more than 22 miles. Mr. Roberts' letter has not been delivered but Father will no doubt come to Town as soon as he can, and then will please tell Mr. Roberts so.— Mother sends love to other Mather. She received her letter for which she is obliged. Mother has been very poorly this week and is unable to write.
to Maria, which she wishes to have done
she is however very thankful to learn
that Maria is a little better. Mary sends
her love to James and is very much pleased
with his note. She intends to answer it by
father. Maria if she had come down when
just proposed would have had beautiful
weather; the winter has been dry, calm, it
warm, it would no doubt have been of
great benefit to her and the children, and
I think we would have taken as great
care of the latter as you do for James tells
us that little Esther, Ann went with an accident
the other day, as my note we shall have been
highly pleased with their company.
Poole who married Agnes Buxton is committed
to take his trial for killing two bullocks, they belong
to a man named Brumflet; Brumflet gave Poole
£10 to keep for him, and when the money was
demanded Poole refused to give it up. Brumflet
took the matter to the Court of Requests, and Poole
was cast, not having any money he gave the two
Bullocks, of them, with two other men drove them
into a remote place and shot them, one of the men
has turned king's evidence, the other is a man of
very bad character, and if they are found guilty
it will aid this District of two very bad characters, it is however a painful matter for Agnes & her two little children, we feel much for poor Ellen Boston she has had plenty of trouble with her family— There didn’t not say whether thou still had the piece of moreen mentioned last post— A letter has come from the Survey Office for the rent (L5) for 500 acres Swan River Lot 139 which must be paid by 24th June be so kind as to see to it— with thou please lend me a pair of second size Spring Sashes— a small quantity of fruit some of the seed of the large cucumber & some Muscovette seed by brother a good deal of hay & a few yards of black holland— We are anxiously expecting them from the Schoutens, it is said there is a great quantity of bone to be procured from beneath the sand. They will have an immense deal of news to give us on his return, our only fear is that they will fall short of provisions. Thanks the weather detain them much longer—

Mother is much better this evening, her Spirits appear to be much better we are sorry to hear of Mr. Walker’s illness. It seems to be prevailing at several of the Children have had boils lately. My George is now suffering from two large ones on his thigh—Oatmeal is generally taken very high but of Co ext is very high & not to be obtained at any price as Flour if so we should like to have a
Just thought to mention if the Peddysh letter was posted, as it was sent off with the Police Returns, which were mislaid. I have thought it might also have been forgotten, and am surprised I have not heard from him.

Joseph Removing, Shafford 1865
Herman Davis

The old friend and fellow of days gone by.