

July the 15th 1828

My very Dear Love,

Every Day I am still more convinced that we have erred much in our judgment with respect to the management of this place, all the money expended will yield little or no profit.

Duncan is very assiduous - but, it is like the garden, spoils in the onset, so that his patience is exceedingly tried, and the others having been accustomed much to do their own way, are very perplexing and seem to try to annoy him in every possible way - but, remember, that what I tell you, is only for yourself: Duncan is certainly worthy of every encouragement, yet, you must deal very cautiously with him; so much work is absolutely necessary to be done just

at the present time, or we shall lose all the next year
that if possible we must have two more good farming
men, the crew is scarcely worth his victuals; indeed, I think
since the 1st left us, they have all resolved together to
row in one boat; Jubel is a good farming man, yet
his ways I do not like at all I think your interest
will not stand in his way - with respect to George
and his Wife, that cannot be, at the present, for many
reasons, he is not worth his meat, and, if she is even
so industrious, she can only fulfil her own duty -
Dip says, the 1st is coming down to see us; do you
think, we shall be at all benefitted there by? this,
I leave to your own discretion. I feel much disap-
pointed that we shall be obliged to buy wheat -
will you not repay the 1st when this week?

Give my love to the dears boys,
do they behave well?

Yours truly affec
wife
John Mather

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