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My dear Uncle,

I have times hear from you
through Elizabeth - and that but seldom -
and would be very glad to hear from you
now - but much better pleased to see you -
be ~~the~~ about disposing of our property and
here and will in all probability leave
Ohio - I shall be very glad to get out of the
distilling business and get into some other
We thought that if we got off in the month
of June - and nothing prevented - we
would be very glad to stop and see you
provided you and Aunt Betty would be
at home - It is a long while since we have
seen either of you - and I am sure you
are tired of these Buck eyes - That a sight
of one of my own relations would do me good
Please let me know - if you purpose being
about during the last half of next month or
beginning of July - during which time we
may probably be going East -

I received a letter from Laura today -
she gives very in different acct of her's
health - she has been confined to bed for many
weeks - and suffers terribly with the back ache -
Wishing to take large quantities of laudanum
to kill the pain - her system suffers much from
it. If it were possible for me to leave under
present circumstances - I would go on - but
as I am now situated I cannot leave -
Let me know if you are still in the notion
of building a rolling mill at the place you
once thought of - or another furnace -
If you are still in the business perhaps we
could make it so that I could join you - I would
be very glad to be with you - I have thought
it is not here so long - that I think more or less
among my own relations would be a palace -
I would like to join you in almost any
way - if I could be of such service to you as to
make things mutually agreeable and mutually
profitable - I join me in much love to
yourself and dear Betty - not forgetting
myself - and I suppose is not at home -
Yours very affectionately
Wm. F. Emerson