

LETTER FROM AMERICA

From Thomas Story Horn to Thomas Horn

HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA - MARCH 7TH, 1854 11 O'CLOCK

My dear and Affectionate Father,

I have now to inform you that at 22 minutes past 10 O'Clock PM? my dear and affectionate wife has presented me with another dear little son and I am thankful to God that up to the time that I now write that he is well and I hope that my God who has given him to us may *** and **** him to us and that we may bring him up in the way that he should go.

I am glad that he is a boy for in this free country a boy can make his way and if the Lord spares him I hope that he may be a blessing to his mother and father.

I would have wrote to you before this but I expected that it would have taken place before this time. I had my friend? **** at about 6 weeks ago and he has given me**** one angle? he has got some more land but I do not think that he was made by his land. For my own part I would not have land in the part where he is ***

Now my dear father this part of the world is not the place for an Englishman to come to for this notion of slavery and all that I can hear of this part I see that it will not do [for?] me and I have at last made up my mind to get back to a free state and if all be well I **** and I hope that I may do well. I have got a good horse and I hope that I may make some thing. This is one of the dearest? little places that I ever did see and up to this time I have not made *** to the good ** has gone in the shape of *** and as I informed you in May? I have lost at least 4 Months last year with my hand and it will be a long time before it will be as it was before, but I hope that God will bless and help us this year and that I may get a little plan before long.

I see that all in England is on the eave of and** how the affair will end I cannot see but I hope that the Turks? will be successful ever. Thank God this man? is at peace with all the world. I hope that I may see some good news in the next papers. I have to thank you for the papers that you send me and I hope that in a short time I will write to you again.

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