

Marmora 8th September 1843

Dear Brother Received your welcome Letter bearing date 28th July
which is glad to hear of your being all well Letting you know that
that we are all well at present thanks be to god for all his mercies
to us unworthy sinners Hoping these lines will find you in the
same at this hour as at present & Dear Brother you mentioned of
Thomas he lives with Dorothy and husband Andrew fairly this five
months back and he says he will go to New York shortly he has
ten Dollars per Month wages with him and John Keys lives with
me since the 22nd June until the 22nd October and have
the same wages from me and you may let his father and mother
know that he is well and he says he will go down the County
when his time is up with me to County on and Thomas and him
send their love to you all but think Thomas have a mind to
go home again to look after which would not show him ever
go on sea again from his great Escape before of being lost
Dear Brother you mention in your letter of your Country being
Disturbed by that evil traitor Daniel O'Connell which I wonder that
the Government or some individual do not put him to death
before he will draw on war in the Kingdom agitating the
Minds of the people so much for he is Disturbing the people here
this day the one collecting Catholic Cents here for him at present we
had an account of soon of his being this Summer through the States
of America agitating & Dear Brother you say you have a heap
and plentiful Country of Provisions this year in Ireland and you
say hard to make Cents together and Taxes but I wonder very much
at the people of Ireland that stoop under such Bondage as is
there that do not loose themselves and flee from it any one that
I shall see where a man will get from

Dear Brother ^{we} have had a plentiful Country here this last year of provisions
and this year have the same crops this year are remarkable good
Markets Rates as follows wheat sells at four shillings per bushel
we take shillings and six pence barley the same oats one shilling and
six pence per bushel potatoes one shilling Bushel butter from five
pence to six pence per pound beef from three pence to four pence the
mutton the same & but dear brother we have not had a fifth or
taxes to make out of those articles in this Country thanks be to god
for it as you have there we have only about three half pence
you owe in the year of taxes to pay the government and a few days work
on the roads so we may say we have a free Country here in America
Dear Brother you mention you will send me news paper and I hope
you will send me aliter and News paper so soon as this comes to
hand and let me know the particulars of the Country and let me know
if there be any of my friends coming out this next spring or not
and if there be any I hope brother you will be pleased to send me one
sheet of letter paper as our paper is so poor for letters I am ashamed of it
going to Ireland and would the best I can get here & Dear Brother you
mentioned your Daughter Elizabeth was got Married to Robt of the
about which I am rejoiced to hear of some of your children been Married
I suppose pleasing to you for brother children are often foolish and do not
take Parents advice & brother you mentioned in your Letter requesting
to know if I had heard any thing of Uncle Christopher Humphrey
and I have wrote to him and received no answer but will write
again to him and I am glad to hear of ^{Uncle} William Humphrey of
Canaanish being alive and well & Dear Brother you will give my
Love to Hugh Keys and his wife and Children and likewise William Keys

Dear Brother you may let my William Keys of the Hollow know
that John received a letter the same ^{day} from him on the same day that
received yours dated the first day June requesting to know if he would
advise Adam to come here and he do not advise him come alone
without Willey or Thomas but he will after a little write a letter
and send something with it & Dear Brother my old Mother
do not get good health a considerable time back although she
went down country to Sandinaga to see Hugh and his family
and Bell and her family and Catherine and her family this
Summer John Wilson Catherine's Husband was up shortly gone
in our place and the are all well then and allows me to
send their love to you and Mary and Children and Hugh Keys
and Bell and Children and William Keys and Children in
the kindest manner and all their old acquaintances and let
of Drumculkin know that I had not time to write him a letter
with yours but will shortly send him one & Dear Brother
give my love to Black Jack and wife and let him know ^{your} Thomas
was with his Thomas in fall last and the were well then
but I have had no account since that of him he lives the
back of Prescott 10 miles from it & Dear Brother my wife
joins me with our love to you and wife and Children
in the kindest manner and may god Almighty bless and
protect you all
I am ever at present from your ever

Hamora th 11th March 1844

Dear Brother embrace this present opportunity of informing you that we
are all well at present thanks be to god for it hoping these few lines will
find you all in the same as this leaves us at present Letting you know
that we under very much of your long silence wrote a letter to you
in fall last and sent aneur paper along with it and received no answer
Dear Brother the cause of our not writing before this was my old
Woman we have been waiting of her dying since fall last but think
be to get she have recovered a little and cannot say whether she will
get over it yet or not she was so ill that went to Belleville and got
her dead dress and trimmings and mounting for her Coffin and digger
Dear Brother your Thomas lives with me since September last and
is well John Keys left me on the 21st Oct^r and went Down Country
to Huntly and underwood on the intent of Marrying and he promised to
write me if he would not be back in two weeks from that time he would write
a letter to me which he have not and i have not heard any thing
of him since that time but Thomas speaks always of going to the
States of America but i know not what he will do there for there are
not good times there at present Money are very scarce there and no
publick works carrying on there at present Dear Brother we have plenty
Country here this year of provisions Markets Rates as follows Wheat sold
at 4th 6th per Bushel 20th 3rd D^o Barley 2nd D^o Potatoes from 1st 6th to 2nd
per Bushel four Stone pork ten Dollars per Barrel two Hundred weight
But from Seventeen Shillings and six pence to twenty Shillings per
Hundred Cattle are very low in price Dear Brother we have no meeting
of Parliament since the beginning of winter on account of so many
ables Members as got into the house but we have our late Governor

Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalf have Cashered agrees many of them
out of office Disbanded the house so that we know not what will be done
he appears to be greatly on the Government side but the rebel party do
banter the wife here it as she please she told the governor to his face
she would make the laws as she thought fit but she will not let him home
to tell any news that is that she will kill him Dear William we
have had accounts from home of Yours been likely to have been there
with regard of Daniel OConnell and his Cattle But hope it will not be so
bad as what we here we here that the Priests preached for them to persecute
and to not spare man Woman or Childer but slay out of face to the
Destroy the Protestant Religion of people of the earth but if they begin there
we may expect them to begin with Oriders at the same time but it is not
in the higher power he never will allow them to get along with their murder

Dear Brother you requested if I had heard anything of Blacky Jacke Thomas
your Thomas was there fall last year agree and the were all well at
that time and Thomas come up to my place at that time and it is nothing
of them since that he lived in the townships of Aquista near Bristol

Dear Brother you will be pleased to let Hugh Keys of Drumblakin
and Sister Belle know that we are all at present and that we send
our love to them all in the kindest manner and likewise William
Keys of the hollow and Sister Dorothy and Children and when you write
let me know if John of ~~Trillick~~ ~~is at home~~ since fall you will be
pleased to let all my friends and old acquaintances know that is our
my love to them all in the kindest manner possibly can altho
at so great distance as three thousand miles wish them all well
it is to tedious to mention them all namely but my wishes are not
the word to any of them in the mother Country

Dear Brother you requested of me had any communication with
Uncle Christopher Humphreys or not I wrote a letter to him in
September last and received no answer but I have wrote one and
posted it with yours on the same day to see if the will answer it
Brother when this comes to hand you will write immediately to me and
and let me hear is all well with you on account of your long silence
and let me hear of Uncle William Humphreys is he alive or not as he is
all the old relation I have in Ireland Dear Brother John and Jane
send their love to you and Mary and children and to Hugh Keys
and aunt Belle and children and likewise big William and Aunt and
children and Hugh Dorothy Belle and Mary Anne and Catherine
send their love to you all in the kindest manner Dear Brother Thomas
requests you to go to William Moore and to request him to write to his Brother
James to the States of America and also James to write to Thomas to inform
him how what Employment he follows for he wishes to go in the
Summer to him if he encourages him and Dear father and Mother
Brothers and Sisters send my love to you all in the kindest manner

Dear Brother My wife and family joins me with our love
to you all and may God Almighty bless and protect you all
So no more at present from your Ever affectionate Brother till death
Doyle Keys

Dear Brother let Hugh Keys of Drumburgh know that in order
of long silence the more Money are scarce in America
I thank God am able and willing to receive Letters from any
one will send them to me

Marmora 21st July 1844

Dear Brother received your Welcome Letter for the 20th of July yours dated the 9th of June and we are all well at present thanks be to god for his Mercies towards Unworthy sinners & Hoping these Lines will find you all in the same state of health as this bears us at present & your Thomas lives with me since John Kepp left me in fall last and he is well and he and I were in Ballyade on the 20th Inst. with pot ashes and Laying in our Harrows wants sythes and Eakes hay forks and ten and a half Gallons of whiskey six pounds of the best tea & of articles and for Sugar we made three hundred pounds ourselves this Spring and for flesh meat and Flower I have one years provisions of them past one and I have a fine looking Crop at present thank god for it I thank god the day that Charles Mchale refusing giving me Justice when I was imprisoned my Cows and by that very Reason I came to America and never put my hand to any thing but there with me since that period of time and for my Children likewise John put up the second Barn this Summer for his Grain 32 feet wide by 42 feet long & and High likewise built a frame Barn and a frame cow shade this Summer High Barn are 32^{ft} wide & 50^{ft} long and is the second one for him it takes them both to hold his harvest so that you may think but it was well we left poor Ireland when we did Thomas had 20 Mallifacts Currency past him and well clothes and do you think would he have so much if he had stoped in Ireland he have it on Interest & and as for John Kepp I have never heard from him since fall last that he left me he receives a letter from John Barton of Drum school and read it and it specified of two young Women being with Child to him in Wintly

Dear Brother British Subjects here are not satisfied at not the Government
Laying more Bondage on Dan and his Colleague for he have Destroyed America
as well as Ireland & Dear Brother I am glad to hear from Uncle William Humphreys
being alive and well I wrote two letters to Uncle Christopher to the States according to
your Advice and received no answer to either But according to your information
he is dead which I am sorry to hear for my friends are dear to me when
I am in my bed I am thinking of them and will lament them for being so.

Ungrateful to me only of them not writing to me & Brother I wonder much of
Hugh Keys of Drumblithin not writing to me I wrote two letters to him and no
answer and told you I was determined never to write to I could receive from
you first & Dear Brother your Thomas is well and sends his love to you all
in the kindest manner and I request when you write to let him know if Catherine
Fletcher recovered in her health since she went home and let us know what
you done with the young man or have you her yet and let us know.

My dear Brethren of the Country & Dear Brother I send our love ^{you} to
Children and to Hugh Keys and family William Keys and family I am so
all my Dear friends and well I wish in Ireland for I lament them
often times staying in such an opress Country & Brother let Black Jack know
I send my love to him and family and John M^r. Mulkin James M^r. Mulkin
Francis M^r. Mulkin and Families in the kindest manner you will be pleased
to know & Dear Brother my wife and Children join me in love to you
all in the kindest manner and my blessing and the blessing of God

Almighty be amongst you and I hope we will all meet
in Heaven where parting will be no more

Keyes Keys

Manroca 19th January 1851

Dear Uncle and Aunt I take this favourable opportunity of
writing these lines to you to let you know that I, my
Husband and family are all well at present thanks be to
god for all his mercies to us unworthy sinners hoping this
letter will find you all in the same state as this leaves us
at present Dear Uncle my Dear Mother died on the 12th of
October last after a long illness and a long time her and father
together 52 ^{years} nine months and sixteen days and Father is
still alive but in bad Health at present and very lonely at
present Mary lives with him and that is all the family
he have he had Billie oldest Daughter since she was six months
old and she took her away from him when Mother was but my
oldest son are there at school and is there now Dear
Uncle this is a good Country for a young Man or young woman
that are industrious there are good wages among that will
go to work they will get from ten to fourteen Dollars a month
and a girl from three to four Dollars a month and good
Boarding. But we have a cheap market of wheat it is only
three shillings and six pence per bushel ^{at the} and all other
markets equal to that Cheap Butter only six pence
per lb Dear Uncle we have no market to sell stock
here only Beef cattle my father sold two yoke of Steers
for beef at twenty seven pounds ten shillings which
weighed thirty seven hundred weight but any other stock
only beef are cheap Cows sold for from Eight to ten Dollars
per barrel two hundred weight oats fifteen pence per bushel
thirty four lb potatoes 15 pence per bushel

Dear Uncle I thank God that the Lord allowed me to get to
America my husband have one hundred acre of land
and is about getting on other hundred acres at present
at forty pounds by paying that down to the government
Dear Uncle you will be so good as to let Uncle Hugh
Reys of Drumbulkin know that we are all well only
Mother that are dead since the 17th of October last
and let him and Aunt Belle know that we send our love
to them in the kindest manner and wishes
some of their children to come to America forthink
they would do well here if they would get good
health to the best what Country we have here the best
Judge for them selfs Dear Uncle you mentioned William
Armstrong was dead and you will please let me know whether
Robert Reys and Dorothy are living or not and you will
mention if you had any account from Christopher or not
and let me hear if Uncle John living or dead and you
will be pleased to send the particulars of the Country
in your next letter and the account how you and
Uncle and Aunt and children is Dear Uncle Thomas is well
and very well brother John this year he had had luck
when he lived in the States he was cheated of
Eight months wages there before he come to Father he
sends his love to you and Mother and children all
and all Enquiring friends in and let me hear of
them and in our of your children Maria
since your last letter

Dear Uncle, my Father sends his love to you and

Aunt Mary and Children and to Hugh, Topsy and Belle

and Children in the most affectionate manner

to you all, and to all Enquiring friends and neighbors

So concludes with my love and Blessing with my

Husband joining me - Andrew and Dorothy Gaudley

M^r William P. Reynolds
Coolmealy Lowerstown
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Ireland

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Jan 20
1854

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