

Sidney Sept 25th 1860

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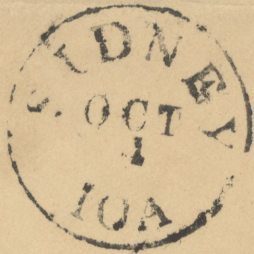
I have often thought I would write to you & did so but you did not receive my letter until I wrote to Pacific City. From all circumstances I am aware you no longer have any feeling for me as a sister, but troubles & misfortune makes me write this— you are aware when you and Seafayett broke up that you almost ruin us you also are aware of the trouble you took to save us— when you saw us in the condition that you did when here that there was one of your debts of \$1000 going against us that would ruin us not only ruin us but leave us destitute of all comfort of earth Colum. my own brother have you no sympathy no ~~any~~ feeling for me & my two children you could of saved us & not injure yourself saved us by riding 25 miles Oh could I saved you the trouble and of shedding the tears I have shed in the last 3 weeks

I would of walked that far through snow—
how could you treat us so— have you forgot when
you was burnt out we were the ones that helped
you although our own papa advised us not to go
in with you I was the one that pled for you
and done all in my power for you I looked
upon you as my brother & could not see you in
need and not assist you— now so soon you can
see us ruined & not ride such a short distance
to save us. Harvey says you made him promises
I dont ask you for promise I now am suffering
from the effects of promises from you— you well
remember the promises you made me at N. City
when you left the first time, in the first place
I aske you for our notes you had in your posses-
-sion \$1500 of notes which we rode to P. City to
get & you give H. promises— and you looked me
in the face & said you left the note with Mr.
Hawks go to him we could get them for your
own satisfaction I send you Mr. Hawk's answer
you can see what we got I wrote to him my-
self for I could not believe you would treat me so.
And again I asked you about those castains you

sold something over \$200 you said you never
received a cent from that man we could go to
him and get our money & you had received the
last cent of it now could face me down in
such bear face — are you destitute of
conscience you at that time had receive the last
cent & give the man a good title & put H. name to
it— and you had in your hands a note belonging
to us on Lake ~~was~~ near \$300 you had received
2 yoke of cattle on the note I asked you to send
me the balance where is it I received a promise
and often have I thought if the many little
comfort that \$80 would buy but only promises
and when Harvey went to see you about
this suit you made him promise you would
attend court but alas it was only a promise
he asked you about cattle you promised
him two yoke he went to N. City only to
receive a promise you had started all your cattle
off & promised two waggon when he went to
get them Heath wanted pay for them
Now think of all this & think of our treatment
towards you & say do you think we deserve it—

I now ask of you to send me the amount of that
Cah's note - or the note by Jasme Smyth waggon
master that went with the teams we sent out
I do not ask for it to pay your debt or our debt I ask
for it to cloth & feed my children & myself this
winter - ask him our situation he can tell you I
work harder than a negro and what we live on
& how my children is dressed - send me no excuse
or promised if you fail to send that amount you
will regret it before spring.

Harvey has not been able to work for the last 12
months ~~because of his~~ ^{our} ~~illness~~ ~~and~~ ~~it~~ ~~is~~
almost a failure. Harvey is sick in bed I have not
one dollar if it could save his life Sena is teaching
school to try & make a little - I no longer fear
a face to ask a merchant to credit me Sena goes
and get any thing I want from the store on credit
but I cannot - Harvey Sena or Bettie would do any
thing to relieve us but look & think of our own debts
& then your - do you think you can prosper &
you think God is a just God & can see me and
prosper you - will you ask Jesus to have mercy
on us or will you see us ruined - And will you
ask God to have mercy on you to give you a heart
to do unto others as you would they should unto you have
you done so to me examine your heart think if this
was this night you was call to go is you heart such
as you can stand clear before our Saviour - Frances



per U.S. Mail

*Columbus Nuckolls
Denver City
Jefferson Territory*

*Via St. Joseph }
Mo.*

October 1, 1860 Sidney, Iowa Inbound letter To Columbus Nuckolls Denver City Jefferson Territory with 3 cent dull red #26 and pen notation Via St. Joseph, Mo. Per U. S. Mail

To Columbuss Nuckolls Denver City, Jefferson Territory

From Francis Nuckolls Sidney, Iowa

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I have often I would write to you & did so but you did not received my letter xxx I wrote to Pacific City. From all circumstances I am aware you no longer have any feeling for me as a sister, but troubles & misfortune make me write this ---you are aware when you and Lafayette broke up that you almost ruin us you also are aware of the trouble you took to save us --- When you saw us in this condition that you did when that there was one of your debts of \$1600 going against us that would ruin us not only ruin but leave us destitute of all comfort of earth. Colum. my own brother have you no sympathy no feeling for me & my two children you could of saved us & not injure yourself saved up by riding 25 miles. Oh could I save you the trouble and shedding the tears I have shed in the last three weeks.

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you sold something over \$200 you said you never received a cent from that man we could to him and get our money & you have received the last cent of it How Could face me down on such a bear face Lie are you destitute of conscience you at that time had received the last cent & give the man a good title & put H name to it --- and you had in your hands a note belonging to us on Park near \$300 you had received 32 yoke of cattle on the note I asked you to send me the balance Where Is It. I received a promise and often have I thought of the many little comfort that \$80 would buy but only promise and when Harvey went to see you about this suit you made him promise you would attend court but alas it was only a promise he asked you about cattle you promised him two yoke he went to N. City only to receive a promise you had started all your cattle off & promised two wagons when he went to get them Heath wanted pay for them. Now think of all this & think of our treatment toward you & say to you think we deserve it---

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I now ask of you to send me the amount of that Park's note _ or the noted by James Smyth wagon master that we with the teams we sent out I do not ask for it to pay your debt or our debt I ask for to cloth & feed my children & myself this winter_ ask him our situation he can tell you I work harder than an negro and what we live n & my children is dressed --- send me no excuses or promises if you fail to send that amount you will regret if before springs. Harvey has not been able to work for the last 12 months. XXX-Crossed Out-XXX our crops is almost a failure. Harvey is sick in bed I have not one dollar if It could save his life. Lena is teaching school to try & make a little --- I no longer have a face to ask a merchant to credit me Lena goes and get any thing I want from the store on credit but I cannot _ Harvey Lena or Bettie do any thing to relieve us but look & think of our own debts & then yours --- do you think you can prosper do you think God is a just God & can see me and prosper you --- Will you ask Jones to have mercy on us or will you see us ruined --- And will you ask God to have mercy on you to give you a heart to do unto others as you would they should unto you have you done so to me examine your heart think if this was the night you was call to go is you heart such as you can stand clear before Our Savior. **Francis**