

Malpas August the 28 1858

My dear isack we recievd your very kind letter
which was rote on the 29 of may which gave us
grate satisfaction to here that you ware all well as
this loves us at present thanks be to god for all his
mercie hoping these few lines will find you all the same
we are very busy this ~~the~~ week at the hay the Mans
wages this week came to 8 pound 10 the harvest has been
very wet there is a grate deal of hay lost on account
of the rane we began early and i thought the grass
rather green and i left of for some time and ^{it} hapened
well i have a good crop and it is in exelant orders
we will be don in two days my ste is exelant about
two akers in the new ground the are standing up as
yate a bout five feet high only about 10 rods and that
we must mow down to save the grass the grass ~~is~~
took remarkable well may boys it would do you
good to walk over that part of the farm isack the
aker you and John had in potatoes this year cut
three and a half tuns the best you ever seen
i sold 3 beds of it to M^r carry at 5 pounds p^r tun
of the field it is thought hay will be very dear this
year and the reason is there was no old hay left in the
country hay got very scarce last spring and rose to 8 pounds
p^r tun we had a few tuns to spare at that prise

my potatoes is full this year as usual but we cannot
tall how the will do yet for when i discovered
the Blite we pulad every stalk in the field the are
very good as yet only a few bad in a mas we had
only about 3 quarters of a shen we sold none
the are selling now for 2 and 6 pence pr Bushel. its its 3
flower 6 Dolars pr Barrel isack your Brother John still
^{contingues} lives he is now in catens contry market John and
his comrade last week bought one hundred lambs and
sold them hole sale the left them about 8 pounds
that is onst for a wonder it is not asy to make money
By Bucheren isack you spoke of your old comrade
wales mager poor felow he is no more his father Bought
a farm in Darkmoth and moved over in the spring and wales
was working very ^{well} with the man every day but the
man and his Brother sidney went out one sunday
in June to a lake nere there some place and wales
took a scamp and sidney cald to the man that wales
was drownding But the man thought sidney was
making fun and took no notse But swam away
his one course But sidney swam to him and caught him
But the Both went to the botam But sidney came up
and swam ashore the did not find poor wales to the
next day his parons and his sisters took it very hard
isack you and Archibeld thinks i am in the Blame about John
laving hoome But a low me to tall ^{ou} i am very clare of that

he was not contented on the farm and avery thing he
did want a ganst him and often sode he was working
for a nother, that summer he had nerly one akre ^{of} potatoes
and the fald with him he only made about 15 pounds of
them and i was at the gratest los it is no trifel to
cultivate one akre of land and hall manure and pay
man it came very hard on me But to make a long story
short he was not abel to work like a man it want
agant him the last 2 yars he was with me he last
8 months Be. tiven sickness and visiting and now i am wery
then aver he still lods at ^{home} with me and his house likewise
if he had to pay his Bord he could not stand 3 months
now my Boys you have got the whole truth of the matter
isack write one month and Archibald the noat and by so
doing we will gat one avery month we told you this be
fore But you did not do so we may give you up now
whan you are spekulating in land som times it is not
very to gat clare of it isack you wish to no about the
the hafars James sold his to John to kill whan Beef was
dear and mine calud at 2 yers old the gratest Buty
you aver seen and prastens calf turned out to be
avery fine Bull we sold old moly to M^r Longard
for ten pounds 2 months Befor she calud and kept the
hafar she will make a first rate cow isack we
resevd Archibalds later this day the 12 of isapitambon which
was note on the 12 of June which gave us grate pleasure
to here that you were all well as this laves us at pres ynt

we have not time to answer Archibalds later this morn
But we think a few lines in your later will answer
at this time ~~is~~ we were very sorry to here of your
sickness you never told us in your later about it matter
how it came on or how long you were sick we had
in Mr tubels later be fore youw come to the hard isek
you never told us what wages Archibald is giving you lat
we no is it by the week or by the year ~~is~~ isek be
a good Boy and obey your Brother we no, he will help you
a long if you are faithful isek we keep one man summer
and winter and pays him 5 dolers avery saterd at 12 o clock
he never left my house one week without his money he
only gets fore dolers in winter it take about ^{seventy} ~~seventy~~
pound a year to pay that man and you will sell
a good many tens of hay to make that money
this year it will take narly one hundred to pay my ^{expenses}
last year the dwelling house cost us 30 pounds and ^{this year}
the Baran cost us twenty pounds i wantd to keep
the place in good order as long as i am abel it is worth
looking after it is ~~is~~ ^{is} admired by many so i ad no mo
but remans your afactmate. father to dath your mother and se
the rest of the famely Joins me in sending there kinest love to you
whan i was closing this later Mrs william McColough came in
with a later for Mr gram from you Mr philips and
famely is all well