

I have kept Billy up for about 3 weeks  
have drawn some manure & some  
wheat have plowed almost 3 acres  
& sowed to wheat & Ry & have also got  
some 3 or 4 acres of Grass. And have  
driven him to Vergennes 4 times  
& to Middlebury once on the old Dig (I have  
got that fixed up) about I think more  
of him. Every day he litters up with Betsy  
of him. But he is in good condition  
now. have not grainet him any more  
the least week. The show is poor for  
selling ~~sheep~~ sheep this fall. They want to  
buy the best Ewes for about 25 dollars  
I was lucky in selling my bucks. Harmon  
has come down from one hundred dollars  
last year to ten this. for Bucking almost  
they will ask from 3 to 5 dollars. The  
Fair is this week at Crown Point think  
it is successful. The Fair at Middlebury  
is the 6 to 8 of next month. I have dry  
almost of my Cattle & again crop full  
feed is growing nicely since the  
wet weather continued. I have not  
fed any grain to my sheep since I  
sold the ram. don't look of a  
fine common of course.



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Dear brother Lewis

It is nearly dark  
but as Th wished me to commence a letter  
to you thought I would improve the few  
moments of daylight that is left. We  
received a letter from you yesterday stating  
you had sent Th a check of \$100. and as  
he had not received it, he went to  
town last night and found it there. We  
had come to the conclusion you had  
forgotten us - or was sick - but am glad  
it is neither the one or the other. We  
are usually well except I have a severe cold  
but am getting partially over it. Ethel is  
living with us now and it seems good to have  
her here - she & Emma have just come in  
Will they have gone down to Mr Frosts and  
I will write a little more by candle light -  
Th will finish. We have had our Equinoctial  
storm during the past week and the mud is deep enough