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Letter from John Porter to William Armstrong

John Porter

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Clinton Illinois

August 26th 1843

Respected friend

I employ my pen for the purpose of writing of few lines we are all in good health and hope that there may find you and all the family in the best of health and prosperity

We find this to be a very good place for the raising of all kinds of stock we have abundance of the very best pasture I have never seen sheep do as well any place as on the wild grass there is some large flocks in this State one on the Sangamon River of twenty thousand one near Urbana of seven thousand and a number of flocks of

from ten to fifteen hundred
all that I have talked
with on sheep raising say
that this is the healthiest
state that they ever raised
sheep in. I understand
that you have a terrible
drouth and that all kinds of
feed will be very high

Shock corn can be bought
within three miles of Town at
twenty five cents per bushell
hay from five to six dollars
per ton the crops are about
an average one. if you wish
to raise sheep extensively this
is the country to do it in come
along and see for yourself we
would be pleased to see you
you could drive your sheep
here this fall there will be
plenty of pasture in the barnyard
untill Christmas there is plenty
of timber and water here

Salt creek runs, about thirty
miles through this County which
affords plenty of water and timber
Kickapoo runs about the same
distance in this County and
other small streams come and
see for yourself. George came
home after the surrender of
Picksburgh was not very well
has got better and gone back again.
do you hear anything from
J. S. Armstrong if so how is
his health I left Dick at
John Staker's if you want him
you can get him if not I will
send for him I am writing
in the drug store in Clinton
it is getting dark and I
must close please write soon
give my kindest regards to
all the family if you can
inquire for me at Magills
Store yours Truly
John Porter

N.B I cant see to
correct errors please
excuse J. Porter

August 26, 1863

Clinton, Illinois

August 26th 1863

Respected friend [Wm Armstrong],

I employ my pen for the purpose of writing of few lines. We are all in good health and hope that these may find you and all the family in the best of health and prosperity. I find this to be a very good place for the raising of all kinds of stock. We have abundance of the very best pastures. I have never seen sheep do as well as any place as run the wild grass. There is some large flocks in this state. One on the Sangamore River of twenty thousand. One near Urbanna of seven thousand and a number of flocks of from ten to fifteen hundred. All that I have talked with on sheep raising say that this is the healthiest state they ever raised sheep in.

I understand that you have a terrible drouth and that all kinds of feed will be very high. Shock corn can be bought within three miles of town at twenty five cents per bushel. Hay from five to six dollars per ton. The crops are about an average one. If you wish to raise sheep extensively, this is the country to do it in. Come along and see for yourself. We would be pleased to see you. You could drive your sheep here this fall. There will be plenty of pasture in the _____ until Christmas. There is plenty of timber and water here.

Salt Creek runs about thirty miles through this county which affords plenty of water and timber. Kickapoo runs about the same distance in this county and other small streams. Come and see for yourself. George came home after the surrender of Vicksburgh. Was not very well, has gotten better, and gone back again. Do you hear anything from T.S. Armstrong. If so, how is his health. I left Dick at John Starkey's. If you want him you can get him, if not I will send for him. I am writing in the drug store in Clinton. It is getting dark and I must close. Please write soon. Give kindest regards to all the family. If you can, inquire for me at Magills Store.

Yours truly.

John Porter