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Letter from John Porter to William Armstrong

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Clinton Illinois

August 26th. 1873

Respected Friend,

I implore any favor for the purpose of writing a few lines we are all in good health and hope that they 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 pasture I have never seen sheep do as well any place as in 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
Salt creek runs about thirty miles through this County which affords plenty of water and timber. Trickapoo runs about the same distance in this County and other small streams come and do you know anything from T. R. Armstrong? So how is his health? I left Dick at John Stokley’s if you want him you can get him I do not know how to do. 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 your truly

John Porter
N.B. I can't see to correct errors please extend.
J. Potter
August 26, 1863

Clinton, Illinois

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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