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Frankfort, Ky. Feb 1st

Dear friend & brother I received your very kind and long looked for letter some time since and should have answered it before this time but I still thought every day would bring me some way for to convey to you, but as I'm not likely to receive much good news this winter I have concluded to give you some that I think is very bad I suppose you have heard that major Bill Allen is elected to the United States sinit for six years from the forth of march shame on the state of Ohio I feel mortified to think that any legislator would put the Hon J. Living in his place and place such a man in his place as Bill Allen I think it a disgrace to the state of Ohio. on saturday the 28 of January the people of Frankfort gave Allen a dinner and such a parade of barities you never see and I hope you never may to give you some description of it I will but the particulars I can not for I was not among them & God forbid that I ever may. on Friday previous they assembled men and women the women gave their cash and bought silk & made a flag in onor of Allen & the ^{men} went to the woods and procured a great long hickory pole and brought it in and placed it in front of Pancakes Hotel and put up the flag which the high spirit Barburan woman had made in onor of Allen

I could here them distinctly to my churing when they kept it up till Sabbath morning & many of our methodists were there to partake of the merriment. brother Ginnings was at doctor Charls sick. he says he never heard such a set of anisoungions. Yesterday was a great day of confessions in our church for their saturday work but I fear if they had a chance they would do so next Saturday

When you left here I told you I expected to drive hogs I bout a drove and was on the eve of starting them when I sold I done tolerable well by selling them at home I'm now engaged in feeding some of the cattle Andrew & Blacker brout from Arkansas they are doing tolerable well Andrew is married & has been to virginia this winter him & wife they are now at home Andrew & I expect to open a store in the spring and I also expect that T.C. Roseboom & my self will open a store on deer creek. I purchaed a share in three of the English cattle we imported I sold my share in one of them to Gov Bance I now have two thirds of a cow and bull I have them both in my possession I think the cow very fine ~~only~~ she is crippled in her back but I dont think it will injure her from breeding she cost more money than most of them I think she was 3rd in price in England I got her very low \$325 dollars was what I paid for

her name is Calypso the bull I got is white and is
a year old he is a calf of lillies she was the lar-
gest cow we imported you seen her at Chillicothe
at the show this calf was then sucking he is a
going to be large and fine his collar is all the
fault that any ^{man} find of him but that is no fault
with me for you know that I like white and
roan cattle best I have been hunting but won
time this winter I think I will give it up for
there has two many taking it up in this country

I had like to have forgot to say any thing about
our healths my Father has been sick for seven or
eight weeks he is on the mend but is not able to get
out of the house Elizabeth Silley ~~has~~ has been
sick but is now recovering from it tolerable fast broth-
er Ginnings was taking very bad at doctor clark
last thursday night but is better I'm now looking
for him & family over at my house he sent me
word he was coming over this evening the rest
of us are all well at present I heard that you
were pretty well over your fall I'm glad to hear that
are likely to get over it sooner than you anticipated
religion is at a very low ebb at this time in this
country but we are expecting better times
soon we have a four day meeting commences
next friday and I think there is a part of us
who have been earnestly engaged in prayer for
god to revive his work in our souls I think
for one that I'm trying to get more religion
there is a few of us who have come to the conclusion that we will live more
watchful than we ever have before that we will pray more and try to enjoy

of life and power of religion I pray for us for we need
help for it is a needy time with us for the devil is trying
hard to get the ascendancy over us
Brother Morrow & Ginnings says they have good times
in several places on this circuit in holland they have
taking in ten or twelve on the last round

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Dear James & Family
I am happy to hear
of you
Brother
Morrow

Father & Mother give their best respects to you &
sister Finley Aunt and family give their best
respects to you both give my best respects sister
Finley to Mr Brooks & family Yours in the
bonds of christian fellowship I write to me and
let me how you are all doing your with much respect
Brother Finley
Strawder McVill