

Thursday Ev.
St. Paul May 4. 1865.

Dear Bro. Sister

Your letter of April 25.

I have just received. As it went to Shakopee I did not get it quite so soon. I was very glad to hear from You, and am rejoiced to know that You have returned in safety.

A letter from Augusta a few days since informed me of Your being at Brewster and of Your good health. Isaac and family are all well, or were Monday Morning.

I left it with about 400 Bbls. since the 26. April. put of 70 Bbls at the Fort. and have sold about 140 here. it goes of very slow now and I dont know what to make of it, as it was generally supposed this Spring that there was going to be a good deal of building done here this Year.

The news of the Murder of our

good President has knocked every thing
in head, and people do not like to
do any thing until they know how
how things are going to turn out.

I have brought down 720 Bbls before
this trip, which sold for \$1.50, per Bbl,
most of which we got the money for.
Since I have been here this time Rice
has been here and made contract
with most of the large Masons to
furnish them with lime for one Year
at \$1.10 and so we shall have opposition
again to contend with. He is a d-d
jackass, but like all the rest of the
Settlement were afraid that we shall
make any thing, with wood, labor,
and every thing else at high as it
is now. Our lime costs us 8 cts
here. How long the d-d fool will
hold out against us, or whether
it will be for our interest to buy, or
sell out the whole concern Isaac
and I have not decided yet.

Isaac is getting about discouraged
as well as myself, and it is no
wonder that we do. I feel mad
enough to work this summer for
nothing, more than a living and if
Isaac had not such a large
family I should want him to, and
give Rice fits. I shall ^{sandy} leave Your
letter tomorrow and let him answer
You in regards to buying Your port.
As I have no desin to run in debt
to posses more property in this place
I should be glad to take \$1000. for my
interest in the concern, on the same
terms that You offer. Your, I shall write
Isaac to answer You immediately, at
Boston care of Crosby.

I would not go in the
Bark again if they would not give me
more wages, but get a vessel and
go the same as Allison does.

I should have probably been ~~on~~
in Coatcutta now, but Augustin

was not well enough to go with
me. And as we have but one life
to live here we thought we might as
well ~~try~~ be together once in a while,
or ~~try~~ be at any rate, as it is I
don't know as we shall as Father
Snow is so unwell, ~~that I cannot~~
~~write to you~~ I think it her duty to
stay at home at present, I suppose that
I can bear the cross, but think that all
of us have had our share of them,
I am very sorry that Lucinda has
a cough and hope that she will take
good care of herself. I hope that Frie-
will come home from Spain, I am
wintering in the cabin of the old flat Boat
and expect to make it my home here
until the mosquitoes come. Shall try
and not let the faithfull old boat
sink. Write me receipt of this to S -

Tell Anthony that I am hearty and
hope that he is the same, and when
he wants a mate to let me know.

Give my love to Mother and all
inquiring friends. Please don't let the
contents of this letter get out much in
Brewster, as it would be nuts for
those busy bodies. And I don't intend
to furnish them any without paying for them
With my best wishes for your good health and
prosperity, I remain Your aff. Bro, Edgar