

From O.H.P. Craig to A.M. Bedford

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Saint Joseph
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Dear Alex,

Not having time to come up to see you, have thought proper to drop you a line. We have nothing here, but War! War! business paralyzed, and all standing a tip-toe on the look out for war news. having just returned from Saint Louis, find there and every other place I have passed thru, all excitement and alarm.

I do not believe I have seen you since we had a young Fire Eater Born. He is some 15 days old now. I think we have caught up with you & your Wife. ours being now 6 allso, you must come down soon, and bring all with you, to see us.

Alex, I would be glad for you to give me a statement of how many mules son Ivan got during the time you had him, & it will also be some satisfaction for me to here from you the amt[.] of money you paid to Mrs. Craig while I was absent[,] including the amt[.] you paid her on the account of Lucy. Alex[,] I brot from Saint Louis 2 splendid studs, got for the Land you & Judge Myers gave me a Certificate for. you & the Judge, must bring down each a fine Mare to one of them, and I will give

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you both a chance to get a fine colt. be sure to name it to Myers the first time you see him.

All send their Love to all your folks.

Mary Mc lost her little Boy about a week ago.

No news from Tom Since I last saw you.

Good bye[.]

Yours Truly[,]
O.H.P. Craig