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Potomac Esq.

South Port Wisconsin Territory April 26. 1838

Dear Father - Your letter of March 27<sup>th</sup> came duly to hand which I was happy to receive and perused it with great pleasure. I perceive You and family am all well, and no doubt am enjoying Louisville very well, my health has generally been very good since I returned from the East, I expect to return east sometime late this fall and perhaps stay through the winter, we had very pleasant wether all last fall, February was a very cold month March was very pleasant and mild, this month I am sorry to say has been very wet and Cold, much North Wind so much so that grass does not start up much, I hope we will have a change for the better by the first of May, the last years crops came in very well, and was little. Wheat that was sowed last fall looks well this spring, as this Country is yet new they do not raise all these eatables, particularly Flour & Meat which is shipped from Ohio and Michigan those two articles are scarce and dear this spring but money is full as scarce, I think we feel the scarcity of money more this spring than any time before, the only money we have in circulation is Michigan and there Banks are in such a reched Condition that people can not pass it, consequently all kinds of trade is down and it is impossible to sell any kind of property for good money - we are in hopes to see better times by the first of June

I shall write to you again the last of May or first of June, in consequence of the derangement of the currency it operates very seriously on this Country, as it <sup>checks</sup> puts <sup>on</sup> all kinds of Enterprize, I have been at this place and vicinity ever since I returned from the East I have a very pleasant place to board, and enjoy myself as well as circumstances will admit, this Country remains healthy as usual atleast we have no prevailing diseases, such as Bilious or fever and ague, it is true that we have sick ones and die here as in all other places, as my experience heretofore goes to prove that, our Territory will probably be divided this spring before Congress adjourns, and organize a new Territory on the West side of the Missipi River making the river the line the name of the new Territory will be Idia, Congress has not passed a preemption to settlers on the Governmens Land, it has passed the senet and has been carried to the Lower House, it will no doubt be hard fought on its final vote but we think it will pass, the Land in this district has not yet been ordered for sale, and we hope it will not be this season, unless the times change for the better, soon, a Steam Boat passed in sight yesterday from Buffals I suppose on her way to Chicago this is the first up this spring— may the Lord bless you and render your remaining years happy accept my love to all the family—

I remain very respectfully yours

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