

Warrenton March 14th 1880

Sunday Afternoon

My dear Uncle

It has been my intention to drop you a line or 2 for a long long time, not that I had anything very particular to write about, but just to let you know that I loved you still the same, & to thank you for thinking of me occasionally. It is by the interference of kind Providence that I am in Warrenton, sweet Warrenton, dear old Warrenton, to day; I have been here for the last two weeks attending Court, as various witnesses. One of which was to prove the Character of Geo. W. M. Uncle White's right hand man, & I think I helped to save him from the penitentiary, he fired a gun through a negro's door on the night of the 31st of Dec. & came very near setting his house on fire. I was also a witness in the suit of M. A. Armington vs J. C. Davis, about a canal that runs through our land, the case consumed 3 days. There was some heavy swearing done. Joe Davis & Batchelor for J. C. Edwards & Mt. G. for M. A. A. gained the suit, M. A. says she is going to sue him again. There was right much feeling in the matter, Bill & Baldy turned Ned Short, I think they were both wrong. My next case was Sledge vs Armington for store a/c, which did not come up, as two cases in Court consumed 7 days. So you see I am in business, making money which don't wuff a cent

The Vaughan Barns, suit was continued, also the
Bob Stawlin suit, & The Tumbler & Sledge suit
& 40 thousand others, only 8 for the Penitentiary.
Had a little something of most every thing but
murder, Cow was pretty blue after the trial but I
believe he has rallied & is ready to try it again. Aunt
Ma, dont go to his house now, but stays in striking
distance dont think she can stay away much longer,
ger. whisky flowed freely during Court but I dont
think there was the 1st row. our old friend "Britito"
has been here for the last month on a terrible "Bum"
& wound up last week in a violent bilious attack, I saw
him out yesterday & I think 3 more such biliouses
will send him up. Bill Coraway was here also &
is as big as the little Elephant in the Circus, he knew me
before I did him, asked right much about you & wanted
to know if you had forgotten the Lard, Joke & commenced by
moving his finger to & fro. There was some little sporting
done I heard but little changed hands, I hope the
weather has not been altogether as bad with you
as it has been here, it kept me in town last
night & I see but little improvement this of-
tinning, I wish you could have seen these great
last week. ^{Dr Ed. Bennett} I believe brought the suit against
J. C. Davis at Anselms, Jacob was a witness & for 3 whole
days he was like a caged bear & ranged with, he
made from 40 to 50 trips each day to the Ct & back to the

back + each day he never left the Canal
the 3^d day he knew so little that Edward excused him
+ for a day or so afterwards, you might ask him any
question, even at home, + as quick as thought, he would say
I don't know. I suffered a great deal with Rheumatism
the last two weeks in Jan + the 1st two in Feb - but am much
better now. I bought me a little Galvanic Battery about the
size of a silver 7⁶ dollar + stuck it around my neck so
that it hung between my t.t.'s + I am very much improved
I don't say that the Battery did it but I am wearing
it just the same. There have been right many Huns since
then this Court, but as far as I could judge there was
not very much trading. Will Weston + Phil G. got a drove from
Bolton's Cove + had big luck; Will went back in time to get
him to Court with another drove, but fell down, + was selling
at Court, when lost hand from. Uncle White bought one from Phil
Wise swearing he had nothing to do with him, + drove
him back here last Thursday, + when he started here that
evening the horse would not go, so he had to stay in
town until the next day + have his horse led to the stable,
he got out safely the next day + said he "wasn't"
trying him a while longer. I have been staying in
dear old Warrington West, of the year 5 weeks with old Sledge
straightening up his books + two at Court, + I can't say that
it has changed for the better. The people are so different from what
they used to be that any where but Warrington for me, except Texas
Old Sledge got off of his Bus last week to see about
Dummett

but they would not try his case, so he has
started again & the Lord only knows when he
will stop again. he says he don't mind it but I
am afraid he does. Bull is confident of winning
Bill Alton, alias I hope seems somewhat hacked. This week
he had a sale, in day of his steers &c. & some land
had a big crowd down at the river for a night or so
before the sale, slept in a bed, had cord, whiskey &c.
every body got on a bus & some did not get home in
4 or 5 days afterwards, Saw B Collins, Pop things were the
same following, said he had the horse down there &
every thing else. & did not get home until Sunday night
Kell's wife made satisfactory arrangements with Armstrong
& bought all in a lump, & nothing was removed,
Uncle W & Mary are making arrangements to leave Cal this fall
Mary tried it last fall & got a high cost carriage at Henderson.
I wrote to Grand ma last week but did not give her any
copy of the trial, & trouble in the Court thinking she was been
off without hearing of it. I have written you a long letter
& not much at that. Ben Cook was highly pleased with "Porcupine Quill"
& has committed it to memory - I must stop writing or I won't
have any love lines. My best love to Grand Ma Sweet
Auntie & my Gal & my Cousins, also to Mrs Purdy with all the
about Bet & every body around here well, Hoping that
few may find you at home & well, I close with my best
love & wishes, Your friend like before J.B.S.