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Dear Brother,

I received your letter this morning dated June 30th, 46, stating that Esq. John Morrow was dead, I was surprised when I read it but when I thought a moment I thought it was a road we all would have to go. I am very sorry to hear it, he has left an almost helpless family a widow and six fatherless daughters, I wrote to Dan Coffin of Madisonville to show the letter to his wife Mrs. Morrow, you did not state what was the matter with him every body is inquiring to know. Wm King is still very low he can't turn over in his bed he still mends slowly although he is some worse today, John Crawford is very sick he has been thought to be very dangerous, he is some better today, I suppose you have heard of the death of Wm Graves. David Cleage has had his name withdrawn from the old bachelors list he was married to Miss Martha Bridgman on Tuesday 16th June 46 he returned home on Friday following aunt Jemima gave them a very good supper and on Saturday we all went to grand fathers and there we had every thing that was good and on monday mother gave them a Supper about as good as any, John Bridgman and Mrs. Robertson came over with uncle and his wife they started back yesterday Monday 6th John and Mrs. Robertson & aunt Martha are all very anxious to see you aunt Martha in particular Mrs. Robertson is a sister of aunt Martha aunt Martha is a very fine, clever, friendly, sociable, interesting woman. you can tell Daniel that Miss Martha is a very fine plump & pretty girl an she has not any suitors that I know of George Bridges goes there occasionally but I don't think he can shine, him and Charles L Lyle are about all the gallants we have, Thomas L. Campbell & Miss Francis Bridges were married 2 or 3 weeks ago John King says you must look out if you sway that will suit, you must deliver a speech for him Grandfather is at present sick he has been drinking, he sold fan to Clowers(?) about 2 months ago Joseph Morrison his overseer and his wife are both sick but getting better Capt Hardy's crop is very good he has not laid by his corn yet he is cutting his oats at present, The oldest son of the Martin family is here he has been in the country about a week we thought for awhile that he was trying to steal Miles & Avery they both looked very sulky for a while but they have come right again the cause of them looking so sour was this, Miles had some notion of

marrying Jack's wife belonging to Humphreys he forbid miles from coming there until Father come home so that stopped it all and they both are doing finely now. I left school yesterday 2 weeks I am now checking for Cleage (?) uncle Alec desired that I would stay in the store and help John he could not get along well without some person to help him, I can improve my self as much in the store as at school the times are very dull now, now when there is a good day, I would like to know if you have given Miss Ann up or not and if you have have you taken up any other we have some very fine girls in our town though I expect they are not fine enough to suit you, if you are a coarse farmer They would I have no doubt be very glad to get you although some of them kick you about my dressing so coarse but it was not person Elen May o she does not look at any thing but dress so she is not smart you can see she went to school where I did and I was in the habit of wearing a flax linen coat homemade vest and britches(?) that is what she kicks up at but I can tell you I am not hurt about her kicking up about my dress it makes me feel the bigger if Dan should happen to hear this letter read you can tell him that that is not Miss Martha's disposition. We have at present some travelers in our town that have the likeness of Adam and Eve painted on some canvass it took the person that painted them 2 years & 2 months to finish them it is very well done in the first place they are drawn sitting down and Eve with her left hand around Adams left arm with an apple in her wright hand giving it to Adam in his wright hand and the serpent entwined around the tree sticking his head out towards them and in the second place Eve is sitting down and Adam clasping her with his hands and the strikes of lightening darting toward them and the old Devil striking at them with his left hand and the serpent hissing at them it is the most perfect piece of art that I ever saw it resembles a person so much that if you was to see it and had never seen it before you would certainly think it was some persons, he asks \$5000 for the paintings. We have also a man in our town who taken the likeness of a great many citizens of Athens nothing at present

your brother
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