

El Paso, N.M. April 25<sup>th</sup> 68.

Dear Father

Your Letter  
of the 16<sup>th</sup> is received &  
Its contents appreciated,  
although it seems almost  
wicked to receive it knowing  
as we do, your limited means.

In reply to your inquiry  
about the Lot, I would  
say I have not yet got a  
seed for it. After you  
sent me the \$30 I found  
the man who I bargained  
with had lately gone  
into the Government  
Service as Paymaster in  
the Army, getting a salary  
of \$2000 a year! I am  
keeping enough ahead  
however to pay for the

Let, so soon as a deed  
can be obtained. He lives  
at Bloomington 16 miles  
from here & probably  
will be at <sup>home</sup> <sup>on a visit</sup> some  
time in the course of  
the summer when I shall  
endeavor to see him & procure  
a Deed.

I have thought  
of moving on to a piece  
of Government Land so  
soon as I could get fixed  
right for it. My improve-  
ments here would sell  
for a hundred Dollars, now  
probably a 150, after I get  
my Deed. which <sup>would</sup> cover  
the expense of moving &  
pay for an ox team.

I may conclude to try  
the experiment next fall  
or Spring, if I succeed in  
laying up a little during the  
Summer, to commence with  
the expense of a Shanty would  
not be great in a locality  
where there is timber; but  
it would be necessary to  
have something to live  
on while a crop was  
being raised. There are  
several things to take into  
account, even where a person  
can get the Land for nothing.  
I do not know but  
that will be the best  
thing I can do as the  
Land would likely be  
worth 10 or 15 dollars an  
acre by the time 5 years

were up: - at all events  
It would make a good  
sized farm.

Francis, Frederick, & Emma,  
constitute our children  
now living.

We are all in tolerable  
health.

As ever, Your son &c.  
E. E. Warren.

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