

El Paso N.M. June 3rd 1863.

Dear Mother,

Your Letter of May 15th came duly to hand; & finds us in comfortable health. Two Families in Town have been down with Small-Pox. One case only has as yet proved fatal.

Arron Anha, a Presbyterian Minister from Mississippi (formerly from York State) lectured here Monday evening last. The Narrative of his escape from rebellion last July, was listened to with interest & attention by a large number.

The Weather is now fine, & Crops are growing finely & look promising of a good Harvest.

I have made some inquiry in regard to Government Land

I learn that there is none
of any value nearer than
Iowa, or Michigan; some
two or three hundred miles from
here. There are several families
here in town who talk
of locating on Government
land in the Fall,

The general calculation
is that Iowa affords the
best selection of the two
States; as a great portion
of that in Michigan is
Pine land, & will not
stand cropping like the
Prairie Soil. I do not
know as I will ever be
able to get much of any
thing ahead unless it be
in that way; which would
certainly look like a quite
an easy ^{method} of securing a Home.

I shall endeavor to save
what I can from my earnings
through the summer with a
view to becoming established
somewhere.

My Religious Enjoyment
is good, which is my chief
consolation & support.

As Ever,
Your Son &c.
E. L. Warren.

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Warrens Corner,

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