

Bray family fonds

George Bray to Abraham Bray (GA265-31)

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Rathmines Mill Feb 2 1845

Dear Abraham I am once more

trying to write a few lines to you

and in the first place I received yours

of Nov 9 was glad you got the money

safe (viz the letter of credit) and I shall

like very well to know if them Bankers

settled your job right did you have

your installment paid with intrest [i.e. interest]

to the canada company dont you

get a receite [i.e. receipt] from them for it

if I had been in your place as

soon as I had paid the letter of

credit to the Bankers I would have

wrote off at once to Toronto to

the Gentlemen mentioned in the
letter and told them what you
had done with the letter and
what the money was for howeve[r?]
I hope they have been honest with
you and you have got it settled
right what did the Bankers charge
you for their job and how much
had you left for yourself I was
very glad to hear you was in
good health and I think you
had a very good crop of potatoes
if you can keep the Frost from
them there is no fear of you been [i.e. being]
hungry for potatoes I would

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advise you always to plant your
potatoes on fresh cleared land and

always sow wheat where the potatoes
as [i.e. has] been – the last news we got from
Leeds Rebecca was still working
on the powerloom Sarah had been
working at them but she had
left and was going to piece on the
mules at Tommy Hirst's Jemima
said I might tell you she was
living In the same house that
Joe Gledhill lived when you left
Leeds so you might judge whether
her house did [grow] or not
they was all well Granmother [i.e. Grandmother]
had been poorly but she was better
Mr Lazenby was only poorly I had
a letter from Uncle W[m] [i.e. William] a few week[s?]
since Granfather [i.e. Grandfather] was at Deighton
at Christmas he looked quite fresh
and well all the rest was well

Trade was very good Whitaker
Mill which had been standing a
deal of years was now made
into a cotton Mill the Children
at home is all well Mary is now
a fine reader Jacob also is getting [i.e. getting]
on very well in learning Mother is
pretty well I am middling at present
but I am only poorly at times with

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the cough and I have very bad pains
in my Joints like Rumatic [i.e. rheumatic] pains
so you see I am getting [i.e. getting] the old man
very fast – they have taken away
4 mules from the low loft and we have
had a man living at our house 4 weeks
from Rochdale puting [i.e. putting] up 6 power looms
where the mules was which is now working

let me now [i.e. know] how many Gospel Standa[rds?]
you have got I paid for Oct, Nov, Dec,
Jan, Feb, and Marh [i.e. March], I should like to now [i.e. know]
if you get them before the 25 Marh [i.e. March]
I must now conclude we all join
in love to you and hope soon
to hear from you and may
the Lord bless you and keep
you from all evil and prosper
the work of your hand is the
prayer of your affectionate Father
G Bray

[different hand] Dear Abraham I hope these few lines will
find you in good health as it leaves me at preasant [i.e. present]
Father and Mother is well and Rachel is well
Mary is well and can read in the Bible, Jacob
is well and can read words of two sillabels [i.e. syllables] but
he had [had overwritten: has?] sore eyes last week I should like to
see your house made of sticks Jacob would

like to be with you he wants a ponney [i.e. pony]

badly I wish we could send you a piece [piece overwritten: peace] of

our bacon to your potatoes my kind love

to you [space] Hannah Bray

PS we all want you to right [i.e. write] back as soon as

you can

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[different hand] Dear Brother I think I can treat myself by wright [i.e. right][overwritten: illegible]

once more to you althow [i.e. although] I have not much nus [1 letter crossed out] [i.e. news] we

are all prettey [i.e. pretty] well Jacob got a cold in his eyes but the [i.e. they]

are better he is oftne [i.e. often] talking about you and he can

spell your name as well as aney [i.e. any] of us we asked him if

he would like to go to you one day and help you to

plough and he says has he got aney [i.e. any] mother I dare

say [crossed out: the?] he thinks you are badly of [i.e. off] without your mother

we have had an English [English overwritten: Englist] man living with us he
came to put up six powerlooms the [i.e. they] have taken 2 pair
of mules to Killmainam [i.e. Kilmainham] [crossed out: s?] we all send our
kind love
to you and wish you a happy new year

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We Honard [i.e. honoured] your birth day with roust [i.e. roast] Beef
and plumb [i.e. plum] puding [i.e. pudding] and was wondering
did you think of it write [t overwritten: y] as soon as you can Rachel

[address section]

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