

Bray family fonds

George Bray to Abraham Bray (GA265-30)

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Rathmines Mill N^r Dublin Oct 1 1844

Dear Abraham I suppose you will

have got mines I sent [sent overwritten: send] Sept 3 and there was

a mistake [i.e. mistake] in paying the postage of it Mother

gave in 1/- with the letter and asked if it was

right they said it was but I now [i.e. know] it should

be ½ and I suppose you would have [inserted above: the] 2 to pay

yours of Augt 13 I got Sept 17 and we are all

very sorry to hear of your misfortune I mustard [i.e. mustered]

up £18 stirling [i.e. sterling] I got Mr Tommy Willans to take

the money and he gave me an Order to send

to the canada Company for them to draw

it on their Bankers in London and I have

received from the company a letter of credit

which I inclose [i.e. enclose] in this for you and the way
I have settled with the Company his [i.e. is] you
are to pay you first year instalment [i.e. installment] with
the intrest [i.e. interest] which I suppose will be £13 stirling [i.e. sterling]
so you will have £5 stir [i.e. sterling] to draw in money
now I think you will understand this and I
hope you will not alter what I have agreed
on the £5 you can [inserted above: do] your best with it as
you want some Cloths [i.e. clothes] and beding [i.e. bedding] I wish you
do the best way you can and be aware of
the cold Granmother [i.e. Grandmother] feels very much for you
and sent me £2 the other £16 I have made
out my self I could like to now [i.e. know] when is the
time your yearly instalment [i.e. installment] is due and

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where you have to pay it if you have
to go to Toronto I fear a good deal of
your £5 will be spent in going there and

back is there no such thing as doing it by
letter for you to draw it at Woodstock
and I think that is farr [i.e. far] enough however let
me now [i.e. know] all about it in your next say
as little as you can to any One about
what money you have is the people in
general quite [i.e. quiet?} and honest let me now [i.e. know] all
particulars how you are geting [i.e. getting] on in your
wood had you any wheat [wheat overwritten: illegible] at all does the
cattle eat straw [straw overwritten: illegible] how many potatoes
have you and are they any good to eat
as I have heard say America grows very bad
potatoes any thing at all you think will
be news to us we shall be glad to hear it
but I must ask you again about your
land I make [crossed out: it] out the price at first was
£62-10- and you paid when you bought it
£12-10- which left £50 to be paid in 5 year
that is £10 a year with six per Cent [i.e. percent] intrest [i.e. interest]

at that £50 the first year will be £3 there will
now be £40 due yet and what I want to now [i.e. know]
is this will it be 6 per cent [i.e. percent] on £40 next year
and on £30 the year after so that intrest [i.e. interest] is only
to be paid on money left on or is the £3 interst [i.e. interest]

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to be paid every year till you have paid all off

I had a letter from Jemima last week they was all

well and all send their love to you she says she

is very well and content in her New Estate

tho [i.e. though] it does not [cover?] an 100 acrs [i.e. acres] of land

we are all middling in health at home

Jacob is Just after geting [i.e. getting] well from the

measles work is only very bad at our place

tho [i.e. though] its [i.e. it's] said Trade is good in England [page torn: but]

Masters is doing all they can to keep down wages

with puting [i.e. putting] on Boys to mens work and seting [i.e. setting]

up machinery you [inserted above: need] not mention about Granmother
[i.e. Grandmother]

giving you the £2 as I think she does not
want the Girls to now [i.e. know] I have ordered 3 Nos [i.e. numbers]
of the Gospel Standard to be sent to you

that is Oct Nov Dec [space] let me now [i.e. know] if you [page torn: get]
it and if you do if all is well I shall send
you some in the next year Joe Armatage [i.e. Armitage]
sends his respects to you we all Join in
love to you and hope this will find you
in good health – I am Just thinking
you will [inserted above: have] to see one or both the person
that is mentioned in the money letter
either at Toronto or some other place
as it will have to be properly filled up
and you will have your name to put to it
so you will have to do like all poor people
as well as you can and may God preserve
you from your Father George Bray

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[upside down: November 2^[superscript: nd]

Mr Abraham Bray

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