

Bray family fonds

George Bray and Abraham Bray (GA265-35)

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Rathmines Mill Near Dublin Jany [i.e. January] 1st 1846

Dear Abraham I received yours of Nov 8 Dec 17 and sent it to Leeds and the first thing I will tell you a little of what Sarah says in her letter "I sent Abrahams letter to Rebecca and told her to send it back to you Jemima and John are well and they get plenty of work we are very slack at our place we only work from 8 to 4 those 5 weeks back Granmother [i.e. grandmother] sends her respect to you all particular to Abraham and wishes it was in her power to help him but is sorry that she cannot trade is very bad provisions very dear we are likely to have a very bad winter give my love to Ab^{am} [i.e. Abraham] and my sister Sarah and tell them I could like to see them both very much but I think my wish is not likely to be granted but if not in the flesh I hope we may be prepared to meet in heaven I feel very sorry that he as [i.e. has] been so very poorly but is glad to hear is a little better tell him Timothy sends his respects [overwritten: illegible] to him

and wants to now [i.e. know] how he liked a married life
Robert Buttle is in New York he can get plenty of
work but he cannot get his money and he going
to try another shop and if he cannot get on he talks
of coming back George Midgeley is at Woodstock &
his Brother was 10 miles off but I forget the name
of the vilage [i.e. village] but he is going to George at Woodstock
I do not now [i.e. know] his directions but he got Abrahams and
said he should like to see him M^{rs} Buttle is
in the Asylum at Wakefield and William is livin [i.e. living]
by himself and he is very poorly I am sorry that
Mother as [i.e. has] such pains in her hands as [i.e., has] she ever tryes [i.e.
tried]
the cold water system if not I would advise her
to try it I do not know of any thing that will do
Abraham good unless the cold water will there will
be no harm in trying GranMother [i.e. grandmother] is Middling
farewell for the present Sarah Bray
Rebecca is well and sends her love to you
we got your letter from her to day with
a silk handkerchief a New years gift for Jacob

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your letter came welcome to us all as we longed
to hear of you geting [i.e. getting] well GranMother [i.e. Grandmother] sent
me word
2 or 3 week before it came that she was very uneasy
about you and wished a letter would come you
see with you having your health so bad it makes
us all wish to hear oftener from you then [i.e. than] if
you was in good health, it been [i.e. being] so farr [i.e. far] off and
so long in coming and geting [i.e. getting] back to you I realy [i.e. really]
cannot
tell what to advise you to take for your complaint
if the pains come from a windy stomach I have found
Magnisha [e.g. Magnesia] Rubarb [i.e. rhubarb] and ginger mixed up in
powder together
to be very good for those windy pains in the breast
and sides 2 year ago the Doctor advised me very much
to scrub my breast and sides with vinigar [i.e. vinegar] with a
brush or if I had not vinigar [i.e. vinegar] to do it with cold water
every morning but as I did not like the Brush to my
skin I got a rough Spring and I think [inserted above: it] did me a deal
of good let your Deiet [i.e. diet?] be such if possiable [i.e. possible] as will
keep your bowels open boiled wheat made into

frumity [i.e. frumenty] is a good thing to open the Bowels
I wish we had a few quarts here it would be a great
feast for the Children let us now [i.e. know] as soon as you
can how you are geting [i.e. getting] on I am pretty well
in health at present Mother is not very well she
only been poorly these few weeks back Rachel
Hannah Mary and Jacob is all well Jacob as [i.e. has]
now got to be a great reader and his [i.e. is] as lively
a boy as you ever saw when I see his tricks I often
think he is very like Isaac it is several weeks
since I heard from Deighton they was all pretty
well W^m [i.e. William] said Grandfather was looking very well
we are only very slack in spinning [i.e. spinning] and every
thing as [i.e. has] got very dear this winter but corn is
now coming down a [little?] there is [great?]

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agitation through England about the corn law
and trade as [i.e. has] got bad in this country the whole
talk is about a famine people thought the potatoe [i.e. potato]
crop would be very good last harvest but instead
of it been [i.e. being] good there is some kind of a disorder

in them and a deal of them is rotten
and good potatoes as [i.e. has] been runing [i.e. running] from 3/ to 4/-
cwt instead of about 1/8 or 2/- couls [i.e. coals] as [i.e. has] been higher
than I ever knew them here about 5 week since [there?]
was 35/ per Ton beside carriage this is partly owing to the
great winds we have had this winter parliment [i.e. parliament]
will assemble for buisness [i.e. business] 22 of this month some
thinks there will be something done [for?]
free Trade I do not now [i.e. know] what other news
to tell you if all is well I shall continue
to pay for you the Gospel Standard I expect
you will get this month along with this
letter M^{rs} Wilkinson and family is all
as usual as farr [i.e. far] as I now [i.e. know] we all join
in love to you and Sarah and we hope
if it is the Lords will your health
will be very much improved by the
time you get this so I must conclude
with my best wishes and earnest prayer to
God for your present and eternal welfare
from your affectionate Father

George Bray

Mother would have me to say you must
write back as soon as possible

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