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Coloma Aug 12th 1854

My Dear Brother

I believe, that you of all the family write me the ofttest, and your letters are always interesting and generally long ones. Therefore in inditing this short Epistle to you I feel that shall still remain largely in your debt. I should have certainly written you a long letter by this mail had I not known that the letter to Father & Mother would be read by you, and that you would consider it the same as you would were it addressed to you. In one of your letters you mentioned that you thought of purchasing a small farm near Montreal for Father, could you do so on easy terms. Should you do so, let me know upon what terms and I shall do all in my power to assist him in paying for it. It has always been my desire (and particularly since I have been in this country) to see our parents placed in comfortable circumstances. Toil hardships, and privations of all ^{kind} I have thought nothing of, but when time after time I have been disappointed in my expectations, I have felt that, but more on their account than my own. So your wife thinks that I am a good natured, sociable kind of a body, but I am afraid that she would find herself mistaken should she ever see me, so I intend sending her a likeness of my crossgrained, crabbed phiz, as soon as I can find an artist who I think will do it justice. I am still a Bachelor, and in all probability, (unless some divine providence should interpose in my behalf) shall continue one. I certainly should never marry in this country, and as I am of the ^{opinion of the} father who told his son that a man had always better marry one of his own sex, I shall have to go to Canada, when I want to get a wife. I should like very much to see your little daughter, and also Ashley's children. These little folks who

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have sprung into existence during my absence possess an
indescribable interest for me. I feel proud of them, prouder than
I do of my brothers & sisters altho without them, it is very probable
I should not have the others. Give kindest regards to your wife
and tell her that I hope to appear personally before her some
day. And that when I do, I shall certainly claim that kiss.

Remember me to all inquiring friends, and with
much love for you all, wishing you a Happy New Year —

I remain, your Affectionate

Brother

Augustine

Mr William P. Hubbard

Montreal

August 10 1824