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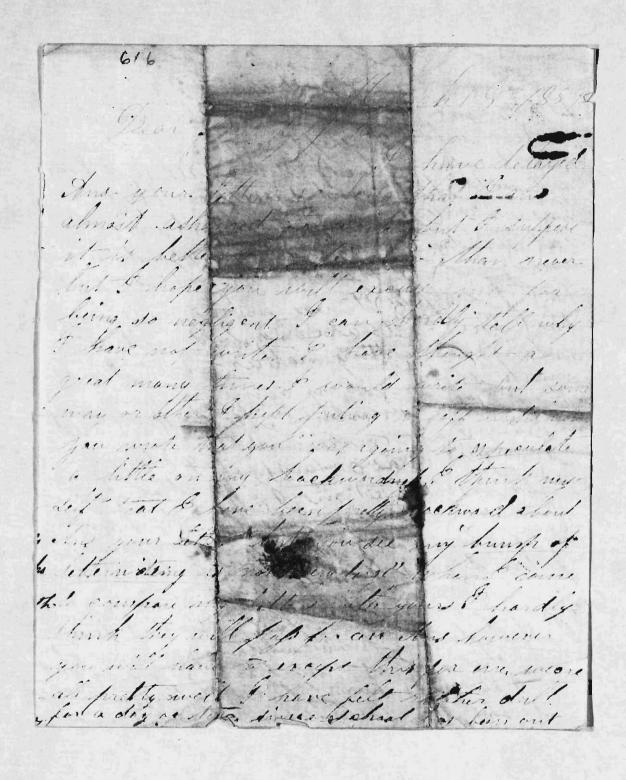
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00237 we have been deliting rails: I have not teen qui dans this was in The a while I suppose you are husy Canstructing, Clacks Van mille so I hope you with have good duced in Ital Luxiness. Cour singing delived was not last Theday evening had a very youd ding and was darry that it was but so souls. but I supper it was fust as well iving that the rads are so had and the evenings regetting rather short, I was much durfirised an coming home to, de Mr Smithes Me Mailland have are ar two rounds fighting Heing it was not the hind of fine that intersteet me I come away them and Wetthen and their companions to fight it out its getting rather late John & gress & will quit writing. from your friend & B Brown this or not may len is ney fine and the gran will except this for an Aux Med & hours

Dear friend John:

I have delayed ans[wering] your letter so long that I am almost ashamed to write, but I suppose it is better to write now than never. But I hope you will excuse me for being so negligent. I can hardly tell why I have not written. I have thought a great many times I would write, but some way or other I kept putting it off until now. You wrote that you were going to speculate a little on my backwardness. I think myself that I have been pretty backward about ans[wering] your letter, but you see my "bump of letter writing is not very large." When I come to compare my letters with yours I hardly think they will pass for an answer. However you will have to accept this for one. We are all pretty well. I have felt rather dull for a day or two since school has been out. We have been splitting rails.

I have not seen you down this way in quite a while. I suppose you are busy constructing clocks, sawmills, etc. I hope you will have good success in that business. Our singing school was out last Tuesday evening. Had a very good sing and was sorry that it was out so soon, but I suppose it was just as well seeing that the roads are so bad and the evenings are getting rather short. I was much surprised on coming home to see Mr. Smith and Mr. Maitland have one or two rounds fighting. Seeing it was not the kind of fun that interested me I came away from them and left them and their companions to fight it out. It is getting rather late, Johns. I guess I will quit writing.

From your friend,

A. B. Brown.

P. S. I don't know whether you can read this or not. My pen is very poor and I am in a hurry, but I hope you will accept this for an an[swer.

Alfred B. Brown.

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