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## Letter to John Butler and Eliza (Smith) Butler from Elizabeth Hutchinson ("Lissie") and Peter Butler

Elizabeth ("Lissie") Hutchinson

Peter Butler

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Oregon Aug 26<sup>th</sup> 1845

Dear John & Eliza;

I have just been thinking how well I could enjoy myself if I were at your house to day, but of this pleasure I cannot partake at present.

We must wait patiently until the God of mammon renders himself propitious, and then I hope to partake freely of this pleasure. I suppose we have a small claim on Illinois yet, and I <sup>feel</sup> very much like halting on to it. You would be very glad if you would tell us all about our place when you write again.

Mr. Hutchinson has been wanting to write to you for some time but has been hindered by sickness and many other unavoidable occurrences. I think he will write to you in a few weeks, he is very busy now and will be for some time. He is away from home all the time except now and then a day so that he has a very poor chance to write or even think on any subject except that pertaining to his business. We are about two hundred dollars in debt which must all be paid this fall. He has not collected but very little money yet. For summing money is very hard to get at this time.

We have 19 head of cattle two mares and colts I don't know how many hogs. two dogs and two children. so this is the amount of live stock Eliza you must write to us when you feel like it and I would be glad if these feelings would come on you very often.



tell us all about Garrison for I see she cant afford tell us  
any thing herself. we want to hear all about the little  
boys also give my respects to all who enquire after one  
would be pleased to hear from me.

Your loving sister

E. M. B. Hutchinson

As there is some blank paper left I thought I would  
ask you whether you and James think it would  
be better for me to sell a part of the timbered land  
off or sell it all together. likewise whether you  
think the price of land will rise or is it at a stand  
if you think that land will rise, then maby I had  
better not sell the old place for a while, I want you  
to write to me whether you think Wilson will  
pay off that note when it is due if I had it I  
could makout for a while especially if you can  
sell the place I got of Isaac, Isaac is very anxious  
for you to sell the place near your uncle Wm  
Also Hutchinson wants it sold we want you to  
write to us what you think the chance will be to  
sell it write what was done with Hutchinsons  
farm East of Isaacs last year Also what you have  
done with both of them this year.

Your father. Dear Brother



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