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## Jeremiah Gage to Matthew Gage Jr. (7 December 1857)

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Oxford Mississippi  
Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1837

My Dear Pa,

Filled with anxiety as I am about your health, I in compliance with my promise, begin to write. I have seen Bro, Barnard, and all is satisfactory with him.

I hope and trust Pa, that your health is yet improving and by little precaution and by holding some restraint over your passions you may never have another attack like the one you had a few days before I left. It is with difficulty that I could get my consent to leave you. I felt as if I was parting with you never to meet you again. But I hope such is not the case, for nothing would bring greater joy to my heart than to know that you are well. I received a letter from Sister yesterday & answered it this morning. She is well and does not wish to come home yet, unless you are anxious to see her. She had not received the letter which you requested me to write when I was at home, and was expecting you to



send for her every day. I wrote her Pa, that you had been  
sick, but I did not say what was the matter for I know he  
it would almost kill her, and she would not see any pleasure  
as long as she stayed. I suppose you have written to her  
before this time as you spoke of writing soon after I left.  
Pa I suppose you received my circular two or three day ago, as  
they were sent out on Tuesday. I know you are disappointed  
in my stand in the class. There is nothing however to be taken  
from a circular although I know you think that they  
are perfectly just. The reason why I know this to be the case  
is as follows. One of the boys received his circular showing  
him to stand third; and I know, and all the other boys  
say that I stand better than he does; or what I mean is,  
recite better. He knows & says that he does not deserve the  
place. The reason is supposed to be this. We have several  
secret societies in College, and the tutors who make out the  
circulars and this boy belong to the same secret society.  
I don't pretend to say myself, <sup>that this is the reason</sup> but it looks very suspicious  
There is another boy who all the class thought he would stand  
about second, stands eleventh. I do not know what my  
circular is, but I judge from the inconsistency in the  
circulars as far as heard from, that I will stand about  
13<sup>th</sup>. Send it to me immediately as I am anxious to know



All things are getting along very smoothly, - about 130 boys  
now here now, - 48 in the Sophomore class, James Walton is here  
and has entered the Soph. I have nothing more worth  
relating, save that I had an awful bad time of it up  
here on the Stage. As I have no fears for the health of  
any except yourself, I hope this may find you well  
Tell Matt I will write to him in a few days, Write soon  
Pa as you know the anxiety I feel about hearing from you  
Tell Lewis howdy, Love to Ma & the children and ever  
remember that I am your

Affectionate Son

Jerry

P.S.

I saw Mr Clinton in Canada and asked him, as you  
told me to do, about the matter between Mr O'Donnell,  
Mr Fraxar & himself. He says he does not remember getting  
the money from Mr O'Donnell, but says he will come down  
to see you shortly, perhaps about Christmas & will bring the  
Madam, with him, when he will see about it

Affectionately

Jerry