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New Orleans Jan: 3. 1811.

My dear Brother Dudley,

Yesterday being new year, I had
remitted my cares and strolled into town, and as usual the
Post Office attracted my attention: Your kind letter of y:
y. of Nov: 1810 was handed me - not all the kind greetings of
my friends and "compliments of the Season" could compare
with the sight of your loved signature. What exquisite enjoy-
ment thrilled thro' my every nerve when I read your paternal
lines! - what a crowd of sympathetic pleasures pres-
ented on my mind at the description of your "fireside"
and of "the group" of virtuous friends and lovely babes
which awaited you there! - What heightened this plea-
sure into a kind of rapture was the consideration y:
my own darling Sons were of the number. Yes
before indeed I am that they, - the lovely ones for whom
I toil and have braved intemperate climes, - should
be so favoured by you as to constitute a part
of your Treasures when you make up your Jewels
- May their names ever be enrolled in your "Paradis"
and their robes so pure from the vices of a naughty
world as to deserve your favour!
I am however disappointed that they do not write
to us, themselves; and when they know this, I hope
a reproof will not be necessary.
That my hon: Mother-in-law is well and with her
dear family prospering in the way of economy &
patient labour I most sincerely rejoice. Were she
an ~~Empress~~ she could do no more than fulfil the
duties of her station. May God be with her to streng-
then and support her in the ways of well-doing!!

I thank you a thousand times for
kind and disinterested tender of your services in
forwarding the happiness and education of the
dear Boys Cyrus and Orrin. Let the dear fellows
attend your Academy - Give them advice and
keep them from imposition from others and from
idleness and self conceit and I hope to trouble
you no farther. - What I can spare shall be done
for them and my dear Boys. - Only let them go on
in the way of useful Education.

With regard to my own sons. I am still of opinion that
they are too young to enter on a Collegiate life. I am therefore
happy that you will consent to continue them under your
protecting roof a little longer as children. I am decided
against their doing otherwise as yet. That a few months
may do with me I know not. - Never was I in such doubt
as to futurity even of a few weeks. - The Lottery owing to a
foolish scheme will not "go" - and the Church remains un-
built. - This has been with me a "sine que non" as I have
before told you. They bluster and "talk very big" but I
bear all will not do! The fact is that the presidency
of the newly established college of this Territory which has
been offered me they think will detain me without building
a church now. This will not do - Go I shall if the
church is not begun in the spring & so far completed
as to put doubt out of the question. I have waited
five years and have become tired with mere professions.
So that I think it probable you may see me
in the course of next summer - or fall. The bare
thought or fancy of such an event would keep me
alive and enable me to support almost any trouble
- of this latter we are not without our share -
My poor wife has again been sick, but thank God
considerably recovered. The frequency of these attacks
has worn her down almost to a cobbler, When you

see how you will not know

She is determined to see her boys next summer whether I accompany her or not, and this hope sustains her spirits and makes the burden of life set easy.

Our School is again as numerous as I could wish and things go on again smoothly. So there I am pretty sure of money enough at least to carry me home, for home it is where you and my boys are.

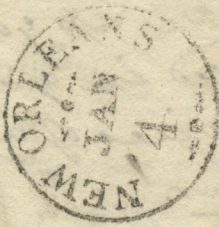
M. Puggles has not written to me on the subject of my Post business - I never will that I know of. Have not I clothed you with authority sufficient to transact this business - Pray minister the letters I wrote you and put an end to it. - Everything ^{the} smacks of B^o & smacks also of misfortune.

I write the latter part of my letter in great haste to be ready for the mail -

Farewell dear Brother - Embrace you & Wife and all friends for me. Devour the Boys with kisses for their loving father

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