Abbe Valley Feb 4th, 1857

Br. Davis,

I should have written to you before now but have been expecting a letter from Seaver or some friend over there but have not received any as yet. We are enjoying common health at this time but the whole family has been sick with Colic during the winter and myself in particular. Had a pain in my jaw from a decayed tooth which caused me to suffer very much had to take nourishment by sucking it from a spoon. It is well now. I have had this tooth extracted and my other disease is no worse this winter than common. Mrs. Witten is sick and has just got home after staying with her all night says she feels better this morning. General health of the neighborhood is good as far as heard from.

We have had a very wet winter and there is now a good prospect for snow. Reckon you heard that again Bob has got a wife. I have not been able to ascertain what he intends doing but says he is going to Texas. I have a prospect of getting some property this spring and if so I want to buy 20 or 25 head of cattle & will pay the greater part down the balance in the fall. If you have an opportunity I want to see what will be the chance of getting cattle
I thought probably the Genius might have cattle that they would like it. The thing is that of Mrs. Thompson here told nothing from him since I was here.

Write soon & write often. Jane wants the girls to write to her.

Jane joins in love to our relatives and

Yours truly,

John B. apple