

Seymour Place Apl 14th 1859

Dear Frank

Nothing new has happened since I wrote you last only the water after falling about 14 inches came to a stand and remained so from Monday of last week until Sunday, which day it rained terribly and we have had hard rains on Tuesday & Wednesday night which put the water up againe $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches It began going down againe this morning & I trust will keep at it until we can once more get to work on dry land. If it falls soon I will be enabled to put in 25 or 30 acres of old cleared land on Sanders place which we can get at easily as it is on the lake $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles down I have the privilege of using as much of the land as I want & hope to gather up rails enough on it to enclose 30 acres or more. Can you remember if you did not let me have one horse mule in the first four I brought down. The reason I ask is that there is one I have always thought mine & my nephews Gillen & Bridgen thought & think so to which has been partencing with other stock on a ridge, but when sending in for it we shot it, Ford & myself believed our was a more timely