

Tom

6th Jan

Dear Uncle John January 6th 1868

Dear Uncle

I received your letter of the 12th. Dec and was very much pleased to hear from you. I was thinking long to hear from you as it was some time since we had any word from you. Another Dec has glided on us which finds us well and comfortable thanks to the Grace of all good fellow I am to offer you the congratulations of the Beorn and many more may you see surrounded by a happy unbroken circle, ^{all} endeavoring to make you happy and smooth your declining years. The children are no doubt a great pleasure to you, and will make the time pass more pleasantly away than it would otherwise do.

I should like to see the Boy. He must be a fine fellow from what I hear. The weather has been very severe for the

last few weeks but is somewhat
more mild at present we have
had a good deal of going out
about these few past times but
must say felt pretty cold
among home some nights
but we must put up with these
things at times or we might
be considered among our friends
as very unsocial I had a
letter from Peton lately there
has been a number of sudden
deaths and a number of
marriages also Merion who
used to live with us is now
married and living at Point
Bury I was glad to hear that
she has done well of course you
see all these changes through
the newspapers Mrs Scott
had arrived in Liverpool she
and I are quite well
Smith had been ill but is
now quite better Mr McNeil
is now quite well and felt

better than he did all the rest
of our acquaintances were quite
well Mr McPhail has some
little intention of coming on
here next summer with Edm^d
and putting him in a place to
learn the Business. I should
be so happy to see them if they
should be coming on it is to
me a real pleasure to see any of
my old friends here. There has
been a great deal of small Pox
in the City it is said there
are now about six hundred cases
in the City at present it came
early in the Spring simply enough
a Young Lady who lives on this
Street was on to Boston to see
her friends and took the disease
while there she returned here when
she recovered but must have
brought the infection on her clothes
as some took it from her and
it has been spreading all over
the City ever since

