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Thomas Sir

I Recd your letter with Joe Mangrove
and I am so busy with the House of Lords
that I cannot come to town ~~it~~ if you will
send them papers out and ~~to~~ write me a copy
I will sine them make out my bill and
send that to but as for going to build a house
I do not believe I can do it for Judge Westoby
wants me by the first of October to take care
of his Rancho Capt Brown wants me to go
with him a Gentleman in Lomeila wants me
to build him a house 250 feet long by 26 wide
so you see that ~~if~~ I have my hands full of
work at present

From your truly John P. Jones

J P Jones will be in on Thursday
and if you can send them papers before
I will send them in with him

J. P. Pond

Aug 30th

E. W. Morse

Esq

Madison

30 W^m Pond

March 29th 1859

I Pardon your Brother is now engaged in gardening
he has had a piece of Land in town and has made considerable
improvement on it in sinking wells, fencing &c. For the last 18 mos
or two years I am happy to say he has been very industrious
temperate, prudent, & economical, previous to this time
as I suppose you are aware, although he was industrious
and made money, yet he would take an occasional
sneeze and spend it, About a year ago he told me he had
taken a resolution not to drink another glass of liquor in
Col^d and I now firmly believe he will keep it.

I have been well acquainted with him for the last 6 years -
since 1850 or 1851 - during most of that time meeting him
nearly every day, and I can honestly say that I believe
that he has given up his "wild oats" and is now determined
to continue acquiring the respect and esteem of the
community. The last year was a very bad season here
and he - as was the case with many others engaged in
gardening & farming - lost his entire labor, he had taken
the plow on shares, the owner providing seed and boarding him
so that he lost only his labor, This year owing the land
himself, he has sunk wells sufficient to irrigate his land

Should it fail to rain.

In conclusion I would say that the only foiling of your brother since he became acquainted with him was his habit of "speeing" occasionally - which I now hope and believe he has broken off forever - I always esteemed and respected him for his many good qualities. I have written plainly for I felt that it was a confidential letter to one who was deeply interested in a brother's welfare.

It was too true that you saw the record of my dear wife's death in the paper, she has gone to that better world where sin and sorrow never enter, leaving me and her motherless boy but seven months old to mourn at our great bereavement. Though far away from our early friends and relatives, yet we were very happy for she was everything that could make a home happy, ever kind, gentle and loving, noble and generous, respected and esteemed by all, but Death claimed the dearest and best as his victim, and now that home is desolate, very desolate.

I thank you for the invitation to call and see you if I come East, I may come soon, but I scarcely know, I am very undecided. It is very lonely here now - it would be any other

Excuse the length of my letter and believe me

Yours truly
E. N. M.

3. William Penn. Bldg.

130 West 18th St N.Y.

Answer Feb 29th
W. Ponds
of Feb 29th

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Wm. Ponds
Feb 29th

New York February 9th 1857

E. W. Morse Esq
J. S.

As a favour I have sent my Bro
J. P. Pond, Land Warrant in your care, I should
be much oblig'd to you, if you would drop me
a line if he receives it safe. I do not know if
I can depend on him or not, as he is or rather
has been very neglectful, but I hope & Pray time
has made a change for the best, will you oblige
me by letting me know just his circumstances,
how he conducts himself and so on, which I pledge
myself to keep it, strictly confidential from
him. I still feel a Brothers interest for him
should be pleas'd to do anything I could for
him if he needs it.

We have seen in the Paper a record of
a M^{rs} Moses Death if it is your Dear Wife we
can sympathize in your Bereavement, If you
should come North again we should be happy
to see and entertain you

Your Obed^t Servant
W^m Pond

130 West 18th Street New York

Wm Pond
Feb 9th

Ans^d Mar 29th