

I shall expect a letter from  
you sometime and carry  
Burke Aug 17<sup>th</sup>

Dear children

I will pen a few lines that  
you may know I <sup>am</sup> some better  
than when I last wrote you  
I hope to grow strong as the  
weather grows cool to day  
it is raining a thing very  
much needed the first in 4  
weeks B is in hopes it will  
improve the hops for the ground  
never was dryer the old hops  
unsold but hope to get a price  
for the new ones the yield  
will be small how do you  
get along making butter how  
much can you sell it per lb  
we have not sold any worth  
mentioning no sell Sam health  
is very poor they take his death  
very hard