Dear Caroline,

I presume you are more than surprised that no answer to your letter has been so long delayed, but your surprise will disappear, when I tell you that I was taken sick with typhoid fever the day before the reception of it, and from that time to this I have been balancing between life and death, scarcely knowing which would preponderate, but victory seems most likely to declare in favor of the latter, and even now, although I am able to be up and about my room, I am so weak I can hardly hold a pen, as this will plainly prove. Besides I had not then heard from my Agent, I heard from him, I think, about two weeks after the reception of your letter. He had then just got all my letters at once, unpardonable neglect of the Post Master, was the cause of it. He had frequently asked for letters, but the reply was: "None here!" He has offered me one price, for my patrimony, and I have asked him another.
If he concludes to give me my price, you will probably receive your money in ten or twelve days after you receive this letter. If he refuses to give me my price, it may be delayed some longer, but I think now you will be certain to get it, and in a short time. The letter which I send my Agent will go to the office with this; I expect it will reach him about the same time that this will reach you, and then it will take him awhile to make his arrangements and get the money to you. So you must be patient, not let every thing done its time. As I told you before, when you get to Centre Port, or (Cleon Bluff as it is sometimes called) Mr. Broochan will see that you are sent out to our house. I may be absent when you reach my house, and if I am you must go in and make yourself at home until I come. And now in conclusion I will say you must not build your expectations too high. Alleged shopping is not a plant of earthly growth. Every situation in life has its cares and its troubles and you must learn to accept and bear them calmly. No one will hear you will not be satisfied here. So as you have a trade, have been
vaccinated to work at it, can support your self, and he thinks you will be happier where you are. But I think differently. I know you have a trade, can support yourself and all that. But then I also know that I have been in a great variety of places, and I have never yet, seen a girl that went out to work, or a servant woman take any stand in society, and I know if you are with us, you will have a home, and friends, and the best society. I expect to educate you and do the best I can for you. I think you better bring your crew and canvas as it is very difficult to out them here. This letter is the one to me. Agent are the first I have written since I was sick. I hope I shall not have to write you again. I hope this will end the matter and land you safe here, and that you will be satisfied. For if you come and are dissatisfied it will make me miserable. Write as soon as you get this I am anxious to hear from you, and now away the blessing of God be with you and the understanding.

Yours as ever, H. H. McCull

Respects to Mrs. S. and Family.
March 10th 1860

Mr. Dear C.,  I took this letter from J. W. B. this morning, & came no time in forwarding it to you. I have just returned from J. W. B. – He my daughter, but had an attack of scurvy and liver in more black letter. I was much love to you my parents are usually well. I have had a severe attack of inflammation of the brains some what Friday after the well. He got home called on his brother.

Yours truly,  Elliott

Jeff. Maine

I have recovered since I left last of the family on Monday last, all well? & have not sent you the embroths to return yet the money you sent. I trust you will be guided as light as all your requests according. Do not lose by to much or too much which you are proud of it. I look like an uncertain.

SUNS Handwritten notes:

SUN hand over correspondence to help.

SUN can not see that 2 pages daily. I thank you for what you have done already. Ever consider your precious Bible & pray much & often to its Author. Mrs. & her company cannot write now but she will by the first of next week & send the pattern. Yours truly, Elliott.