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My Dear Brother

You will be surprised and perhaps think something out of the common line has happened well it certainly is the case Barzillai and Jane have determined to start for America in the Spring if all is well he might have come over this autumn if he had settled the point in his mind before but he has only fixed a few weeks since he thinks of having a sale of his Stock and furniture in a short time and the family coming over to Arrigg till their departure do you think it would be wisdom for Sister Ann to come over with them for she would very much like to do so and Jane would like her to accompany them she would be a companion for her and help her with the Children We have heard Matthew Wills Letter read which came to Carperby on the 1st Instant a good many things in it quite surprised us it is discouraging though after all a person of fortitude would not be daunted for in some instances he speaks very favourable of America he says he has not got any good Black Tea that nothing but Green Tea is used with you he sent to Galena for some Black and he got some but of the very worst kind

if any of his fiends came to America he wishes them to take a chat of good Tea he will take half of it and pay carage on the whole this proposision makes us think his statement more true you have bad coffee your meat is not so good as in England your Pork is not good the swine run in the woods till they are two year old consiquently they are not so tender as ours he finaly says any body that can get a living in England he wishes them to stay where they are is this any encouragement for those who are thinking of emegrating, your butter and cheese is as poor as the rest of your articals I supose the hot weather accounts for this though while he says you are invested with bugs and flies what a place America must be what differant discriptions is given of it I supose Matthew thinks he has given a right discription exactly stating its good and bad qualities but after all I am not over fond of love with it we cannot expect a newly settled place to be like a country that has been inhabited many hundred years and where all appears to have reached to perfection in fact England is over much so there is not half enough men which there ought to be to make a country prosperous America wants cultivation and there is an abundance of land to keep the inhabitance

By what I have heard of America it appears to be a rich country but for the want of man to cultivate it is waild in its appearance nothing but just is it but people who expect to find it a paradise should be disapointed when with working they may be repaid ten fold people ought rather to be thankful that they can be rewarded for their labour and I find they may be in America, the reason I now write is that you may be prepairing for Barzillar and family you will know what to do better than we can tell you you perhaps can take him a house just to come to, then he with your assistance may look out for a situation according to his choice for in little things it is diffical to fix for another much more so an estate of land which they have not seen on which they have to settle you must write back as soon as you can direct him what route he must take from begining to end and what precautions he must take in traveling and what would be risful on the way and in america and what would pay for taking and if you want anything as thus waild be a good opertunity to take anything you want ~~and~~ we should be glad to send you

any thing you want, What time do you think would be best for them to start do you think early in the Spring M Wills started I think about the first of May and was over late for some things Barzillia thought about starting in February the time of the year that Mr Hargrave went and he got well over (have you seen or heard of him) it will be ness as ary for you to answer this soon for we shall all be anxious to know what has to be done ~~whether~~ I suppose you will have answered the one we sent about a month since if we had known Barzillai's intention we might have let you know and one writing might have done but you must bear all things with patience as we are oblidged to do, you say it would be better for all to stay till every one of us come but as Barzillai and Jane are coming Ann might do very well you would be altogether in one place and we in another till we all come over which may perhaps be the case but with respect to Anns coming you must give your opinion which we are willing to be led by, excuse this letter which is rough and unpolished I know you will excuse it we are all well hoping you are the same and as comfortable as ever we still hope after having heard such awful acounts your affectionate brother Edward