

Morgan 8th Aug 1854

My Dear Wife / I am sorry to have
to inform you of an afflictive dis-
-persation, that took place last Sunday.
Mr. Chapman has been called from
earth. On Saturday as you are aware he
appeared in his usual health; that eve-
he yoked together a pair of young oxen;
had considerable trouble in doing so;
and was very much fatigued, one
of them also gave him a blow in
the breast. The judge overexertion caused
his sickness and death. He was taken
with violent purging. He began about
midnight, and died about 9 in the
morning. Only in the midst of life
we are in death. All the rest are quite
well in health. My Sister deeply feels
her loss; but bears up for the sake of
her Children in dependence on you.
I am quite well. Kiss our dear Babes
many times ^{for} me. All desire their love ^{affly} _{m. d.}