

Important
E. C. Lough letter



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Wisconsin

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again unfit for business and
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habbit but a short time longer
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just as funny as ever she is
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moral principal well I
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scribbling this off so what
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make you a visit when the
great fortune comes good
bie fair the well. E. Langft
write often
Flora is looking for a letter
from you Bella besides Love

Bloomingdale Feb 17 1856
Prec. your letter in due time was
glad to hear from you it hard work
for me to write as my health is very
poore but I will try and write a
little to let you know how we are
I am living with Flora & James.
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inhabitants had so changed, many
old acquaintances has past off
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I am the only one of our family
that is left. if I could see you face
to face I could tell you many things
cannot with pen and ink so far
as the comforts of life are concerned
~~I am~~ I am well supplied at present
but the good Lord knows the future
~~study~~

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and I am ready to go at any time
my Brother that died 2 years since
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Leply is living or not I have not
heard from her for a number
of years as to the Chase Fortune
I have but very little faith in
the report that the English
Court has decreed a judgment
in favor of the American
Chase heirs tho such a thing may
be among the possibilities I
forwarded the paper you
sent to G. F. Clough and I
saw a Mr Town from Waterbury
he (Town said) that Cohen has
wished him
to call on me and have one
come over and see him for he
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about that affair Town said
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I think it will never come
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our affairs they are rather dark
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commenced carrying the mail
he had to have 17 horses to begin
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tion time he run out and had to



I will give you the origin of the Chase heirs claim on the English Government. there was a man by the name of Townley who was arrested by said Government for treason, whether he was executed or died in prison I cannot say but he past off but the Government had confiscated his estate which was of large amount but when the affair come to be investigated he was innocent of the charge brought against him, this Townley had a Sister who married a Chase by whom she ^{had} three sons two of those sons came to America the name of one of them was Squalla the name of the other I forgot and my grand-mother Clough.

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Agilla's daughter or grand daughter
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Agilla daughter I am of
the third generation so you
can see that I come into the
front rank my uncle Perley
Clough went down and ^{found} the
graves of those two Brothers
found their names there on
grave stones some 20 years
since now in case you get
any information in regard to
it inform me and I will do
the same

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Father. Nathaniel Hayes
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and his wife Socker Lyon
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Glara was going to write to write she has gone up to the lake
do I will not say much of any longer

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Bloomingtondale New York
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*The following seems to be written almost separately and inserted in the letter
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