

Mrs. May

Droit Hill, January 17<sup>th</sup> 1855

<sup>from post office</sup>  
I received by the day before yesterday  
the little box containing cigars, plums and the little  
Colonia which has delighted us all very much -  
Mr. Rogers had determined to go Washington, but  
the day he was to set off it began to snow and  
has continued with little intermission until to  
day, the ground is now covered nearly 3 feet  
deep, so that even had his health been good  
he could not have gone for the last week -

We sent for the papers yesterday and they to  
my sorrow contained an account of the rejection  
of my grandfather's claims, some from lately I have  
feared it would be so, and I rejoice in my soul  
that he is in New York instead of having spent a  
dreary winter of expectation to be at Boh Hill -

I never thought that I could derive any consolation  
in my poor grand mother's death, but now I am glad  
she was spared this last blow, my grandfather too  
can bear it better now that she is gone than he would  
if she were alive, - I feared that if the claim ~~was~~  
brought forward by Fenton men as it would fail.  
Fenton has not the standing and estimation he  
deserves, I do not know why, but he is looked upon as  
an enthusiast ~~and a visionary~~ the majority was  
very small, only 11 - They were getting up a meeting

in Baltimore but I suppose they will give us up now  
The weather has been so dreadful that we could  
not even send a servant to town till yesterday  
so that Mrs Rogers has not been able to send  
any thing of it - Oliver met him in the street  
and told him he would take place next day  
on evening - do write me how you all are and  
how your paper bears his disappointments and  
if he has formed any plan in case of his claims  
being rejected - Write me from Speck minute  
about him - all my servants are sick with  
the measles and I am in terror lest the baby  
should get them, I can do nothing however but  
keep her close in her room - I have written  
to Mrs Payne for my tools but I have not heard  
from him yet - Mrs Rogers is better but  
till weak and delicate, I hope he will get  
stronger as the Spring comes on, the weather  
now is very unfavorable to his recovery  
write to me soon give my love to all

ever your affectionate

Horatio M. Rogers  
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