Frederic June 28th

Dear Father

The Harvest has commenced here, & it certainly is as luxuriant as has ever been known here, but if prospects do not mend the Farmers may find their wheat & oats the Rye reapers are in great demand, Corn & Oats are suffering very much in consequence of the drought Mr D has commenced a Lumber yard which he think will answer well, he has sold two Boxes of his Linens, & has an unsatiable demand for Cotton, Harpers Ferry routs take all he has, he has disposed of upwards of half his stock, which he had at the commencement of the Season. You forgot your Spurs,

Mr Donaldson was here last week & in a very unfriendly like manner inform, related that Mr Harris commenced to drink Brandy & water at Ten o'clock & so continued all day, that he had vomited Blood & that he (D) was to commence business on his own Acct shortly.

For a few days past I have been occasionally reading Philips speeches, they have inspired me with so great a desire of equaling him

Dear Father
I think it not thought proper to give you
two past months of this but now know
little of the Farms, the hay for other
farms cannot have it

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