way to the City — Tho' in the highest expectations of a great Crop of Wheat & of Clover my prospects are completely dashed with the long Continued Rains & if they have fallen in the same abundance throughout the Country I think there will not be bread made to subsist the population of the Country — the Strong heavy Wheat is prostrate never to rise again & the thin Wheat will probably be destroyed by Rust — & the Clover if made into good Hay would greatly shew out short Crops of grain has fallen & rots at the Root — we have not had a sufficiency of Sun shine to Concoct the juices, it therefore would not have substance if we had fair weather to make hay; but hay cannot be made in the absence of the Sun — my Flax even has fallen — & what is worse than all I have not planted my Corn & Potatoes — the Season is not too much advanced for the latter, but the former cannot be planted, nor can the part planted be Cultivated ~~in the wet~~ unless a change of Weather takes place — if there was not a risk of flour becoming Sour in July & August there would certainly be great Speculation in that Article in Consequence of the present unfavorable prospect — I shall call soon upon Newman for payment of his Note & hope he will be prepared —

my best respects to Mrs Gorsey, with Love to little Mary Ellen, and I am my dear Daughter very

Affectionately yrs. Otho S. Lee

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