San Francisco August 15th 1850

Dear Brother I take the opportunity of writing these few lines to your expressing the high esteem you in good health at this place am and particulars at present. Thanks be to God for his mercy to us we do appear to have a bad crop of Potatoes all over this country this year again. They are all in infected this year again on the tops and some few of the Potatoes themselves also are gone and we are very much afraid of them not standing for us as if they fail we are undone this year entirely unless we do appear to have a good crop of oats. This year the fishing has also failed with us as the times past for now if we had fishing we would get no price for them on account of the Potatoe Crop. crops failing these years by gone your brotherPeter was very glad to hear from you by gone was afraid you were not alive on account of him being so long without writing from your end encouraging Peter would wish he be able to your length himself or some of the family but it would be much as he would be able to do to get living as much as he would be able to pay or some of them for the sea but he be able to pay or some of them for the sea but be able to pay the remainder of the family unless he would leave the remainder of the family without any support. He thinks if means his eldest son and daughter John and Mary was here they would be able to make out a living for themselves for about to keep them together as long as I could and there is
nothing for any one of their part to do in Jey loundtry for any one to employ the first thing that broke here down was rents and poor rates his bread for the last year was 12 gp pound rent all together his lands paid me three pounds of ore for the last year that and the loss of his crops hurt us all Astray and I was not able to meet the landlord this year and he hazord me with a notice by the law to leave the land again November might I would think it to much to ask you to assist us all to go together and if I could I would not wish to be making Part of ourselves but if there was more of us out first it might be Amries to bring the remainder the sooner there I have no show to pay at present but when you write direct your letter to Mr. Peter Campbell of Jonathan Parish of New county Donegall Dear Brother Received your kind and welcome letter which gave me a great deal of Pleasure to hear how you got along and how you are enjoying good health stating to me to make sale of all of every thing that I have and go to taxes but if I had as much move as I have I suppose all would be too little for to bring me and my family on account of the potato crops failing with me in this county I don't allow that between stock and crops I could rain more than between twenty and ten thousand pounds for land give me mud and I leave any credit for it would get plenty of lands in this
country for to sit down and pay the rents for it for the best farm in this country if it was Repose for sale they would not be willing to give anything for it unless a few pounds for I agree to the sale
but I allow since I receive an answer from you now that it would be rather late in the season for me to prepare to go out with my wife and children but you know best yourself whether or not but if I do not go this season it will get very late for the time appear to be getting worse well as you wrote to me of late you know about brother Nicholas his children he that left seven children the most part of them all little boys and the eldest of the get very bad health and their mother and the hopes the one place that shelter for them and passing the times in very miserable way your uncle John is in the same misfortune still the horses in a place called the Red River in the county huge part of his family is in America and the next stop at tracing as to where your brother Andrew stops in the island of Montserrat Marching Princess and Mrs. is getting along very well and the plantation large family and his wife does not get good health better times and he does not work much at his trade for it is gone to the bad as well as every thing else I have no more to say at present but remains your affection brother until death Patrick Campbell then you write and everyone of A State letter Directed to ourselves
To Mr. John Campbell
Seguin, county of
Gonzales county,
Texas

May 2, 1850

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