

Handwritten letter on aged paper, dated Jan 16, 1858. The text is written in cursive and discusses financial matters, including farm equipment, mortgages, and family matters. A vertical note on the left margin reads "Hannah Pierce Jan 16, 1858".

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Baldwin, Jan, 16th, 1858.

My Dear Brother,

Your kind letter of the 8th, did not reach me until, the 13th, I find it quite difficult to get letters, to or from the Post office, I have neglected, writing you since, I received your letter, informing me of your conference, with Mr Roberts, partly, because I was hoping to see you here, and because I do not think I can meet his requirements, I certainly shall not purchase, nor put in repair, any farming, tools, and, mine are pretty well used up, neither shall I purchase, sheep, besides I have some prospect of getting a tenant, with whom, I am acquainted, Mr Eleazor Burnel, has lost his place, by not being able to pay off the Mortgage, his Wife thinks he would like to take my Farm, though not live in my house, as she and her family are living at her father's, he is loging in the eastern part of the State she says she will write him on the subject, and let me know in the course of two, or three weeks, they have four boys, old enough to work on the Farm, and she is a first rate dairy woman, I think I should rather take them, than Strangers, Mrs B, said they should expect to take care of the stock next Winter Would you not advise me to let them have it if they will? I do not feel that I am, under any obligation to Mr R, I should indeed be very glad, of some money, as for the first time in my life,

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Date: Jan. 16, 1858
Description: Hannah Pierce on finances

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