

Lake House, Lake George, Warren County, N. Y.

Lake House, 4 Jul 1884

F. G. Tucker, Proprietor [Letterhead]

Dearest Loulie,

I wrote you a card last night. I am a good deal worried over the enclosed letter from Dr. Eccleston just at hand. I regret that I did not know that Frank intended to address him the summons he did because I think you & I had determined that under all the peculiar circumstances of the case there was nothing really to do (as two years use had already beyond doubt used up the old carriage) but to arrange it between ourselves, but you and I, or I alone paying to the estate, the fair value of the buggy whatever it might, as a second hand vehicle probably bring at an executors [sic] sale, which would be its legal value.

You remember the peculiar circumstance, of the 'loan.'" It was very shortly after after [sic] your fathers [sic] death. Dr. E asked what we would sell it for. I replied that we could not sell, ~~but~~ that Frank was the Ex^r, but that I and you placed it as his service to use until Frank came home & that if Frank did not resign & settle down & so requite its use, I thought that Dr. E would not be called on to return it at all. You know we (your cousin William, you and I) thought that Frank would have to get leave & come home at once to attend to his fathers [sic] matters, if not actually resign. So I thought that the use would only be an affair of a few months. But the signal was otherwise & 2 years elapsed before Franks [sic] return & in the meanwhile the buggy as might be expected, was used up. I think in a dilemma, how to write to him so as not to mortify both him & myself – I fear you like myself failed or forgot to tell Frank that we or I would rather pay for it than make the claim on Dr. E especially as he is now so distressed & it may be he will soon be in actual want if his voice does not come back.

If you approve of this card I have written Dr. E. please send it by mail at once. Get Frank to have the value appraised at the auction value at an executors [sic] sale by inquiring how much it ought to bring at such sale & I will hold myself responsible for it.

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The [Unicas?] will be put in the water today & will be ready I hope by the 10th. As I told you the Del Hudson RR went back on their agreement & I have had to pay \$25 to put it from the RR into the water & as it would not pay to sue for \$25 I must lose it. It is still very warm here. I went yesterday to Hillside & this afternoon I hope to go Vandeleigh – 14 mile [sic] after which I will write you fully my impressions & will be glad to have your [united?] help in coming to a decision. I am rejoiced that the boys are doing well. I think the homework will get quickly used up if you bring it, don't you. If you don't send my card for any reason, you had better write him so as not to let too long a time go by. Thanks for your letter & card.

Yours ever affectionately

JBH

Kind regard to Miss [?] and to Frank.

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