

from such a favored land, how much better to encourage the occupation of wastes nearer home, and from which profitable returns, might at present be easily made. Mr. Clay, in one of his speeches, says of the public lands—"As to their extent, there is enough to found an empire. Stretching across the immense continent, from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean, from the Gulf of Mexico to the North Western Lakes,—the quantity, according to official surveys and estimates, amounts to the prodigious sum of one billion and eighty millions of acres;—assuming last year as a standard, it would require three hundred years to dispose of them." The shores of the Pacific may therefore well be left for the pioneering of future generations;—the present should be content with fairly ascertaining their just right to them, which would not afterwards be interfered with.

Julia does not delight in "bewigged and gowned judges and lawyers,"—by the way, I could give you a chapter on those *heads*,—hold, Jack? pray dont, lawyers, they say, are ticklish things—I never have anything to do with them, so pray dont you. Why you know I came here about law matters. So you did,—well take my advice, praise them all—say they are all honest—that they pay over all monies—deceive nobody,—never make the worse appear the better cause, and always tell the truth.

If I had a legacy left me, and there was a flaw in the will, I wouldn't go to law. If I had an estate bequeathed me, and it was disputed, I wouldn't go to law. If I had—now dont put yourself in a passion, Frank,—there is not the least danger of any body's leaving you anything.—Adieu.

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MY DEAR FRANK,—The self satisfied author of "Change, &c. &c.," says, "until I had been some time in England," which, by the way, *I dont believe*, "I did not know what abundant reason an American has to be proud of the institutions of *his* country." Then *she* should have had a popular meeting, a *mass convention*, in England, and have gone down on *her* knees, and thanked them for those same institutions, which America derived from *their* ancestors,—the better part of the whole code, constitution, laws, &c. &c., is taken from England—the decisions of "the bewigged" judges are still quoted here, and Julia, as jurisconsult, will fail, unless *she* can prove that the interpolations of loco focoism, the retention of slavery, repudiation, nullification, Dorrisism, mobism, annexation, and anti-rent, are improvements. It is usual with most prudent persons, masculine and feminine, to avoid the proud boast, and not value themselves for what has not undergone a complete trial. When residing among a people, "sometime," Julia