

March. 9 Oct. 1832

My dear Harrietal

I had too much
to attend to, on Saturday last, so that
I had but a few Minutes left, to
answer your Letter.

I wish that I had asked upon the
Information repeatedly given by Jaeger
& Ziegler — but I have now made the
best use I could, of it — owing to a
founded irregularity of the Post Office
here I missed getting 107 of Brins' A Hall
but I went myself and succeeded
to secure 50 Tons at 8.8 — and about 57
at 9.5 — I have this day offered to
order ^{Tons} 80 Tons at 9 — for 80 Tons in
London and shall have an answer by
Saturday next — There is no prospect of
lower prices for Brins' for 8 or 10 Wt. at
the same — and I am quite determined
~~not~~ to sell under 1/2 pence this time, without
caring for old connections or competitors.

We have had a serious Accident
in the Spirit of Salt Room by
an Explosion of Salt, (see) Salt. Hydrogen
Gas - I worked in the large Cylinder
500 Gall 500 or 140' setting them to
work on Friday, giving Saml. Chatham
& his son Will. Rice Lewis to work
with a moderate fire & that I would
look & be with them on Monday forenoon
afternoon - I had offered had them
to avoid having Candles in the Spirit
of Salt room while at work -
I have ever ordered by Monday Morning
they got a Wick, pulled the Candles
& tried to look through the hole
by the aid of a Candle - when the
Gas took fire, with the report of
a Cannon - I burnt poor Will, so dread-
fully that his life is despaired of
& I am in very much concern
in the fall - I remember this that

You may cast and your work fully
about candle by it with your Cylinder.
Phillips knows nothing about
Rams - & I am much out of con-
cise with him - he ought not
to have left Gas so low in Stack.

I have been detained 2 times while
writing this letter - by Christie -
W. Berry & by Miss Thompson & Will
who own a fine Mine of Pyrites
contains 50% of Sulphur - ~~35~~ 35
% of which is easily obtained -
I am to have a Ton of it at 40¢

I observe your Calculat. of 30
but for all that I think this a
right time to raise the price of
P^r - & indeed to try the result
I think there will be ~~the~~ ^{no} O^r
to spare for alkali from Salt.

You must come over as soon
as you can - One cannot commit
all to wishing what one thinks -
I got a D. C. Information ^{about} about
Cont^y of Potash - all well & things
improving by degrees - with love to
you & yours I am affec^ted father
W. McKee

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