

[1918]

Dear Ezra - Enclosed I am
sending you a check for \$7000.⁰⁰
which will complete the ten
thousand dollars you demand
for capitulating your farm -
Ten thousand dollars mean
to me a very large sum, but
you seem to think you must
have it - It surprises me
& appals me to have you
make these demands - and you
must know in justice to me
& to Grace that these
amounts must be charged
against the Estate - It is the
only fair way to equalize
matters between my two children -
I really think it is true you
had closed out your business
& gotten some of the many
thousands invested therein out of
it - In these uncertain times I beseech
you, not to go into fancy or any other
stocks outside of the necessary draft-
houses for family purposes -
I am much distressed Mother -

P.S. You simply must get
out of your business - if you
need more money - as I feel
that this is the limit of my
willingness to ^{go} any deeper into
this investment - and I am sure
that I have gone further than
good judgment and justice
dictates

Love Mother -

March 2, 1918, \$4000 check was
sent you

April 26, 1918, \$3000.00 check } were
sent you

May 1st 1918 \$7000.00 check }
sent you

\$14000.00 Total -

Fourteen thousand dollars since
March 2nd - 1918 - Be sure to keep
this account - which please remember
is to be the last demand you make.

Love Mother -

pleasure & surprise - The
stationery is superb - I am sure
I shall never need to buy any
more writing paper, - Santa
Claus has been so liberal, in
giving me such a bountiful
& beautiful supply -

The loveliest pot of Cyclamen
came yesterday from Gail's with
Louise's Garden & Grace's card
and it is looking straight at
me from a sunny window, speaking
for itself.

Thank you all ever so
much - I love all of the
gifts as well as the givers
Grace is so delighted with
her boxes too - It is a

The Westmoreland
Washington, D. C.

December 25/14

Dear Ezra and Mary -
Grace and I have just
finished opening our Xmas boxes.
You certainly remembered me
most beautifully - Mary's box
of handkerchiefs are lovely - so
pretty & fine - I never have to
buy handkerchiefs any more, as
many thoughtful friends remind
Santa Claus of how much I need
them & love them - they are so
much nicer than I have the taste
to select - and are always a

bright - sunny - cold morning
after yesterday's rain - The
Sun came out this morning -
while we were at breakfast,
so I am sure it will be
bright all day.

I hope the children are
well enough to enjoy their
two Xmas things - and that
you and Ezra are well.

It was such good news
to hear your Brother William
had returned - and your mother
must feel that her cup of
Xmas joy is overflowing this
lovely morning - to have

him at home again - alive
and well -

Augusta Bright came to see
us the other evening and brought
her husband - she is now Mrs
Davis - and has a lovely fifteen
month old little baby girl -
The husband is here on war
work in aviation field service
or construction. - You may know, she
lost her father some time ago &
her mother is with her here in one
of the Lange Apartments near here
Her home is in San Diego California, & they
rented their house to a Mr Ezra Woodruff
from Duchanapolis - Grace joins me
in thanks & loving wishes for Merry Xmas
at a happy New Year ^{very devotedly} -
Love Mother James G. Woodruff

The Westmoreland -

Washington, D. C.

December 17, 1918.

My Dear Ezra -

Some days ago, Grace
sent you a parcel by regis-
tered mail containing a pocket
Bill Book - which if you
have opened - you would
find a letter from me with
a Xmas check of one
hundred dollars - with my
best love. I am going to
send Mary an Xmas check
also with my best love -
Grace has sent you and

attacks of the Flu - I have never
recovered my equilibrium - as I
feel weak & shaky ever since and un-
certain in my feet -
It has been so warm & balmy that
Christmas is creeping in us unawares -
We have not had a single winter
day - nor a flake of snow, I hope
you have had and are having a milk
white for the sake of your cattle and
stock - it is so much pleasanter for them
with much love and a merry season
hoping all is well with you - your mother
Frances G. Woodruff

Mary and the children a
few parcels by mail - my gifts
to the children have been
are books - as Groen gets
the toys and other things, she
has sent you gloves, handker-
chiefs and I do not know
of anything else - I am not
equal to shopping - as have
decided upon checks for both
you - Mary and Groen, so
that you can get something
you like and want -
I hope you have regained
your strength - since your

The Westmoreland -
Washington, D.C.

December 14, 1918,

Dear Ezra

, Enclosed I am
sending you with my best
Xmas love, a check for
\$100.⁰⁰ as a Xmas gift -
to get something you
need and like -

Grace is hurrying me
so I will make my letter
short - The Bill Book is
also from me - in which
this letter + check are

placed

You should all feel
very grateful for your
recovery - and I am sure
I am more than grateful
for this and all the
wonderful mercies that
have been vouchsafed
us this most remarkable
year - With the best and
most loving wishes
from your Mother
Francis E Woodruff.

George E. Woodruff -
111 Cornsby Avenue
Louisville
Kentucky

really do not see why it
should be done for it is
not considered contagious in
that way - Only those who come
into immediate and close con-
tact with the patient is in
danger - as my Doctor put it -
that the disease was communicable
but not contagious - none of the
household being in danger of
getting it from the patient unless
near them & touching them - so the
cook was not at all exposed
while in the kitchen or dining
Room - We were so much

The ~~Massachusetts~~
Washington, D. C. -
November 22. /18
Dear Mary - You certainly
have our sympathy in your
many tribulations - To have
trials with unfaithful ser-
vants while you have
sickness in the house is a
little too much - We have
never been obliged to put
a sign out at the door
in Washington when there was
Influenza in the house, and

relied to get your telegram
the other night - telling us that
Egza's condition was improved
and his temperature normal -

I do hope he will continue
to get better - It is well
named the Grippe as it holds
on - so long and there are so
many ups and downs - Egza
will have a good chance
to show his patience - I

found great comfort in hot
water bags - as heat is such
a relief when the Grip has
you down - I am as glad

you succeeded in getting
a good nurse - one would
suppose Louisville might have
furnished nurses enough to
go around. -

When do you expect your
leather back - The newspapers
are not very definite as to
when the troops return - It is
such a big task to demobilize
our Army - It will take a good
while to accomplish it -

What do you all think of our
President going over to Europe -
The morning paper announces
Teddy Roosevelt is also to be in Paris
and we can come to Egza & tell him to
take his time to get well - with much
love - I'm much in sympathy with you
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Farm - The flowers must have
been most lovely - did you
have any Chrysanthemums -
I have been remembered by
my friends with the finest
Chrysanthemum - there were
so many varieties and no
two bouquets were
alike - some were double
large shaggy ones - and
some small chestnut ones
One big bunch of Cosmos, re-
minding me of your garden,
was sent to me - but Grace
hurried it out as it started
to freeze - You seem

The Westmoreland -
Washington, D.C. -

November 1st 1918

Dear Ego, We were so
glad to get your letter this
morning, the first day of
November - and it is a
typical November day - quite
cold and many clouds
October has been like
December, many days too
warm for comfort - and
every day -

I am so happy to know you
have had a lovely Fall on the

W.S. What did you get for your car?

to be so much interested in
Your Bams and Shelters
for your Cattle - Do you
need any more money to
pay for your buildings -
Let me know how much
you need -

Do you hear any news
from the Draft - I trust
Your Farm products will
be a reason for exemption -
When you placed your occu-
pation, you might have said
Stock Farm and mentioned
Your Wheat and Corn Fields

to say nothing of the Pigs -
Meat - of all kinds is so very
high in Washington - a Ham
is beyond poor people's reach
entirely - While Lamb Chops
are 60 cents a pound, you
certainly ought to have a
Flock of Sheep in the Spring -
We stopped at Schwantz in
New York to buy toys for Lucine
they can not be found in
Washington now - and we are so
glad she liked them - Does
she walk yet - I wish you
could find a chain of some kind
that would help her to walk
Dad Franer want a Bi Plane

Will you pack up all the
Furniture and store it away,

The house was so pretty
and tastefully fitted up, every
thing was so harmonious -

I hope Mary will be able
to keep her servants - we
thought they were so good.

Here in Washington, it is
almost impossible to get a
cook or any servant - The
colored people are all in
Government service - The
little maid we had last year
has a fine Government position
with a good salary - Let me

5
like Grandma -

It was very thoughtful
of you and Mary to have
Cousin Mammie Mc Corkle and
her husband & Bertha - I know
they enjoyed every minute
of their visit with you -

They are so fond of you
and Mary and appreciate
any attention you may pay
them - and to visit you in the
farms must have given
them all great pleasure -

How are you going to
manage about moving in -

managed to get another at what
I think a fabulous price -

It was too bad Gallatin
had finally to lose his index
finger - It might have been
so much worse - I hope
the Germans will surrender
soon and the carnage be
stopped - The fighting over
there is like a night-mare
it is so horrible - even with
the encouraging news of victory
for us - it is at such a
tremendous sacrifice of life
and money -

Do send us the

picture you have taken
of Gordon in his boy suit -
and the other children - It
does not make any dif-
ference whether they are good
or not - if they are pictures
of the children - we will enjoy
them good or bad -

Did Dr Dobney report
in Washington -

What are you doing about
your main street business?
Who will take care of your
farm & the live stock while
you are in town - With much love
Mother Francis C. Goodhue

health - Do remember that
your health and well being
are more important than all
the farms in the world,
Try and lighten your load
as much as possible &
as soon as possible - I
would be so glad to send
you the wherewithal to pay
for any labor around your
garden and yard. Buy a
man to weed your gardens
both flower & kitchen gardens
and try not to allow yourself

August 24, 1918.

THE WESTMORELAND

Dear Elys - Just as soon
as we arrived I wrote to
you and Mary to let you
know we were safe and
well and trust you reached
home in your Car with
your precious family -
Do write if only a few
lines - to let me know
how you are getting on - in
your farm work - I feel
so solicitous about you

to become so fatigued -
Keep yourself well and
good - looking for your
childrens sake & your wife's sake.
There is another subject
about which I am most
solicitous and that - is the
danger from the Male
animals in the Farm. That
great Boar was so ferocious
looking and Gordon is so
fearless and runs in and
out among the Pigs - Sometime
this savage looking creature

might possibly get loose
and he would attack any
one, either you or the children
if he had a chance. I know
you are careful and cautious
but it seems to me it would
be better to keep Gordon away
from the Pigs - unless this
horrid, wild old fellow is
locked up. The Bulls, too are
so dangerous for the children, and
they should be constantly warned
of them -
Mothers are too fond of giving
advice and warnings - and I
know I may say too much, but
it is because I have

Your welfare so much at heart,

In regard to your Pease Arrow - I think you should sell it soon - while you can get a good price for it - You might wait until you and your family are ready to move in - Yesterday we drove out in my car, & it seemed to me so much more easily handled than yours, It is up-holstered in leather - The seats are so much better arranged - The Chauffeur said he had just seen the new Model 1919.

He said there were several changes
The wheels were not so large,
and would take a smaller tire,
the whole car was smaller &
they were to haul but one
size car in the future - So
you must be sure to sell
your car while you can
try & get \$5,500 for it -

This was intended to be a
fifth-day letter for Gordon
I am going to send him a
certificate for a hundred dollar
Government Stamps which is in
the bank - as soon as I can
I will send Mother
Francis G. Proctor

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Y.M.C.A.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE

WITH THE

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

My Dear Mary—

Aug 19 1918

I'm enclosing a photo I had taken last week - as I wrote the family I don't think I've really gotten as bad a disposition over here as the facial expression would lead you to believe.

Yesterday afternoon (Sunday) Lieut. Hoden and I walked over to a park not far from the hospital to hear a French military concert. To our dismay, some French General spotted us as we came in and sent a reception committee to meet us and take us up to sit with him - it was most amusing.

I've been spending my time and

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Money since I've been back here getting
some clothes together again. I lost
everything I had in the big attack last
month. I'm outfitted again now, even
to a good heavy trench coat with various
detachable linings, so feel I'm ready to
go back to the front.

I hope to get away in a
couple of weeks - I got hit a month
ago to morrow. My hand is coming along
wonderfully - don't bother me at all and is
going to be just as good as ever.

I wish you'd have a scrap that
taken with the kids & send me - I'm
afraid I won't know them when I

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get back if you don't.

By the way, I was not trying to
be coy with my cap on as it is
that the way they are worn. Lunch
is ready, so I must close this
uninteresting epistle - Best love to
everybody -

Yours Very affectionately

From

Lieut. W. P. Sabney

1st Battalion

26th Infantry

A. E. F.

William

This being a through train -
and a much shorter & quicker
time than any other - but does
not stop in Shelbyville -
so will have to go to Louisville
first and come back to your
Farm which we can do by
the Suburban Road - it will
be the easiest & best way
as it will land us near your
gate bag and baggage - Of
course we would have stopped
in Shelbyville if the train
stopped there - but it
does not - We can go to the
Seelbach Hotel and stay all

The Westmoreland -
Washington, D. C. -
July 28, 1918 -

Dear Ezra -

Yesterday I wrote to Mary
and told her we were thinking
of coming out to see you -
soon -

This morning I went down
to the ticket office & secured
reservations - State Room for
Thursday August 1st - leaving
Washington in Chesapeake & Ohio
road - at 2 P. M. & reaching
Louisville Friday - at 11 A. M.
or a little later -

might to rest up and come
out to your house the next
morning - Do you not think
that will be the best
plan - as it will save
you from dragging us
over from Shelbyville

We have had a very
pleasant summer - no very
hot weather except the last
week or ten days when it
went up to 90 - during the
day and then showers would
cool the air towards evening
and there has been a breeze

most of the time - even in
the day time -

It makes a great difference
having our open car and we
have a pretty good chauffeur -
He drove us to Gettysburg a
week or two ago - when it
was almost too cold for
comfort - and last week
he drove us to Annapolis -
It takes a little more than
two hours or two and half hours
to go to Annapolis - so we went in
the morning and was back at 6 PM
the same day - but it took two
days for Gettysburg - Let me know
by telegraph when you receive this
letter - and if it will suit you

to have us come as I have
just written we would - if it
will not suit you & Mary to have
us come the last of this week
or about the 2nd or 3rd of August
telegraph at once -

Trusting you are all well
& hoping to see you soon
with much love

from Lou Mother and
Grace

James G. Goodhue

→ a little water.
sugar, to make them palatable
and then strain off the juice.
It is considered very good for
the bowels and should agree
with her and being astringent will
stop any tendency to looseness.

You had better try a little at a
time - just a tea spoon full until
you find out whether it is good
for her. Did Ezra have the
sitting porch screened with wire
to keep out flies and mosquitoes?

You give a most attractive
picture of the farm & Grace and
we are crazy to come to see you,
and if nothing happens to
prevent and we can get up
our courage we may come for
a week or two - Grace has been

The Westmoreland
Washington - D. C.
July 11, 1918,

Dear Mary - Both your letter and
one from Ezra have recently
come and we were glad to hear
you had at last gotten out to
the country - I do hope you will
find it comfortable and will all
be well out there - It must be
a great satisfaction to have the
Suburban Trolley Line within easy
reach - You seemed to be so
isolated last summer - perched
upon a hill a mile away from
the station & so far from anywhere -
You ought to give Louise some
Blackberry Juice to drink - cook
the berries some with just enough

P.S. How shall we address your letter?

so anxious to go to Gettysburg on a
Touring trip ever since we took out
the Car - so last Monday as the weather
was good - we screwed up our
courage and started at 9.30. A.M.
The roads were fine and we
bowed along smoothly and to me
what seemed rather rapidly,
and reached Gettysburg at 2 P.M.
a distance of 86 miles - We
engaged a Guide who took us
all around the Battlefields about
twenty - five miles a morning - in two
hours - We then went to a Boarding
House recommended by a friend
kept by Mrs Beecher & her sister Miss
Edwards - daughter of an Episcopalian
Minister - They gave us large

airy bedrooms with a large
Bathroom connected & a sleeping
porch opening out from the Bath
rooms - We had a fine supper
home cooked by Mrs Beecher &
a fine breakfast in the morning at
8. A.M. - We had the Car brought
up at 9. A.M. & started back by the
way of Hagerstown over the Blue Ridge
Mountains - at the Summit more
than fifteen hundred feet high, there
are a number of small hotels &
boarding houses kept for the benefit of
Washington Seemna Boarders - a number
from the States & Ireland are there - Coming
down from the Summit was quick driving
and we were down in Frederick before
we knew it - and back in Washington on
Tuesday at 4 P.M. where I was most
glad to be once more - Jane Austin went with
us & the Car went fully loaded. - James G. Woodruff

Shelbyville for a few days in case you were not ready for us. We want to see you and the children and Mary even so badly. The weather has been so fine for the last two or three weeks - that I imagine it's pleasant in Kentucky also - To day is quite cool - and so was yesterday.

I wrote to Mary a day or two ago and told her about a visit we had last Sunday from Mr. Bristow - he had been in Ann Arbor visiting his sister and afterwards in Philadelphia to a dinner given to the Society of Colonial War and showed

The Westmoreland -
Washington D. C.

Thursday June 20, 1918.

Dear Ezra - We had hoped to get a letter this week but so far none has come from you. I do sincerely hope you are all well and by this time are in your country home - You have not told me how to address our mail to you - So I have sent it to 222. First Main Street, thinking the Cornsby Avenue house may be closed -

If we should come out to see you for a week or two - could we find a place to stay the

in a handsome medal he wore
on the occasion - he must have
been entertained quite royally by
his friends there who took him
around - He did not know when
he would sail - but expected to do
so, soon -

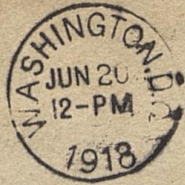
What do you think of Judge
Ray's unceremonious marriage
It seems he did not make
any announcement -

We had announcement cards
of Sue's wedding the other
day and forwarded your cards
to you to 223 West Main Street
So you still keep your store
open and running during the

Summer - You must let me
help you with the farm I want
to pay for the labor this summer
and also in other ways, Grace
began to cut lace this a. m. -
but did not finish yours - she
will send them as soon as she
cuts them - she has not been well
this past week but this afternoon
went out to Chevy Chase Club on Carolyn
Fiske's invitation with another friend -

Write & let us know all about
your farm & house I do hope you
will be happy and keep well this
summer - with much love, Grace
has just come in from the Chevy Chase so I
must close - with much love

Love devoted Mother Frances G. Woodruff



Mr George E. Woodruff
223. West Main Street
Louisville
Kentucky -

bill for the Bluff Site Road
of over \$500.⁰⁰ and this a. m. I had
another bill of over \$500.⁰⁰ for the Fire
Escape for in the Main Street House
My bank accounts will be quite
much less after they are all paid.
Mr. Botte has also written to me
in regard to paving the road
in question, which I suppose
will be an extra expense -
I will have to inquire about
it, as he has sent no bill &
it seems to be optional with me,
I hope you are not working
too hard on your farm - all
the vegetable - fruits & dairy
products in the world are
not to be compared to your health

The Westmoreland - June 8. 1918.
Washington - D. C.
My dear Ezra - We have had
a most welcome change in the
weather - after a week or more
of intense heat - it began to
get cool yesterday late and
the night was quite cold
with a breeze from the north.
I hope you also have the
benefit of the change in Louisville.
The bills are beginning to pour
in - my income tax bill was
nearly \$500.⁰⁰ my personal Franchising -
tax - intangible tax they call it
was \$900.⁰⁰ or more -
Mr. Botte has just sent me a

Dont let your enthusiasm
run away with you and make
you sacrifice your health.

Get all the help you can
and I will stand by you
either by contracting to have your

hay - alfalfa - + grain cut -
or to have your fields plowed.

You certainly should not
work so late - the days
begin so early now - that you
can afford to stop work early,
and get back home early -

I have not seen Mr Lemming
 lately - but will try to do so next
week about the P. G. Stock etc -

He is now a Captain in the

National Army and is Disbursing
Officer in the Quartermasters
Department - but by ringing him
up he will give me an
appointment at his Law Office
in odd hours -

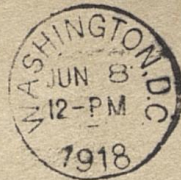
I hope your house will soon
be ready for you to move into
and trust it will be cool +
healthy, but there - it looked like

high ground where the house
stood - I hope the water supply
is good + pure - Have you had
the water analyzed yet, I am Dairy

too will require watching to keep
it sanitary - Dont overdo - and
keep well - Take things easy +
go slow - I will help you every
way I can + give you my best
wishes. God be with you + yours.

Yours mother,

Frances G. Goodneff



Mr George E. Goodruff
223. Treat Man
Louisville
Kent

you will have plenty of winter
food for your pigs - When
we were in Pinckney North
Carolina last winter - we saw
the finest lot of pigs - and
they were being fed on pumpkins
in March - they seemed to think
it was the best food they
could be given for winter diet.

I should think it would be
nice to have a few sheep, not only
for their wool but for mutton -

The great objection to raising
stock in my mind is - that in
the winter they require so much
care & attention - and somebody

The Westmoreland -
Washington D.C.,
May 31, 1918

Dear Ezra - Your letter
came this morning - giving such
a glowing account of your
Farm - I am truly glad it is
doing so finely - and hope it
will continue to improve and
fill all the desires of your
heart - It will be no small
matter to keep in running
order - and I hope you
will succeed in getting all the
help you need - You must
be sure to plant a whole
lot of pumpkin seed - as that

has got to feed + water and shelter them from the windy blasts and snow storm - You can gather in your grain, cut & stack your hay and close up your barns and rest but the stock must be attended to day and night and constantly and that is why I hoped you would not go into stock raising to any great extent - because it means so much work and if you expect to be in town in the winter looking after your Stone business, who is going to look after the stock on the farm. Safe reliable men will be hard to find to look after them

This afternoon we drove out to see the women in the Service's Camp drill - In the last three or four years - the women have had a service's camp for six weeks in April + May - They take courses in dergical dressings - types writing and other useful accomplishments + they have had this spring lessons in Agriculture - and made a lovely garden - They dress in Kaki suits + campaign hats - and drill like any other soldiers - So day was the close of the class work - so they had a drill + music - it was quite a sight - but lasted only an hour or so. They had many spectators. Forestry Fair, Mary + the children are well and with much love I am your devoted mother
Frances G. Goodhue