

God as greeting.

Dear Sisters and brothers.

I must write to you again otherwise I do not get a letter from you. I would have written before but I had a lot of work with the harvest and I am not well enough to write especially when I am tired. I hope you excuse me that I have not written for so long. I have not heard anything from you and I think you would have finished with the harvest. I finished a few days before the Holy days. I had made hay mostly and that was good because we had a lot of rain and one flood after the other. We had a lot of rain since yesterday and had again a flood. At the end of November we had the greatest flood I can ever remember and that has cost us a lot of my land 500 acres were under water and we were almost finished with the hay and it has not taken away much of that, but the wheat is all flooded and some places the water is 5 feet high and it went through 2 heaps and 2 barns and it has taken away my fence about 25 chains and it hangs in Pech's trees. I don't know if I get it out of there it is all in knots as if swarms of bees are sitting in the trees. The creek on the house was nearly full and on Thursday before Christmas the fence in the hedge got washed away and it is hardly worth it to put it up again as long as it is still threatening to rain. The fields are nothing but a mire; How does it look over your way? I hope you are all well and that you have got the money as I have heard nothing about it. Lydia said you must have it as it is 5 months now. You will have heard a lot from Gustav and Lydia, they are writing a lot more. Writing is difficult for me. I am feeling pretty well after all the work of the last harvest. I had 6 workers for the Hay carting and one boy and I had much to think about but I am glad I am finished with cleaning up as well. Now I have been over at Wagners for 3 days with the big machine and we have cleaned 5-600 bags. It is not easy to clean up this year. I haven't got any workmen now. I didn't want to go to Wagners but they were begging me as their small machine only does so

little.

So I will end in the hope these lines find you in good health.

Greetings to you, your parents and all others.

Your Brother,

R. Becker

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The letter is undated. The envelope has the date “JAN 04” – K. Z.

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