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Brother Bateman,

I understand from your sister in law, that you are claiming a debt due you of money furnished your brother upon leaving England.  Now Bro: Bateman, if you have a claim against your brothcr that you wish to secure, you would have done so while he was here, and not distress his family, , who are in need of all that rightly belongs to them.  I do not presume that you ever intended to make them pay that amount, providing all had been  [sent?] with him unless they would have become more wealthy than you, and consequently better able than yourself to do without it.  I wish to say to you Bro Bateman let your sister and her family have their property,   [?]

I understand you have worked in Iron County; and you will probably not be the loser in the end by so doing.  Praying that the Lord in his

infinite mercy may  bestow       upon you and all  faithful saints his choice  blessings            I remain as ever

your brother in the Gospel of salvation and peace.

Brigham Young

Iron County