

My dear Aunt July 2nd 1849—

Your kind favour of £3000 will forwarded by Aunt Carpenter was duly received on her safe arrival among us on the 9th. inst. after quite a long sea voyage though not particularly rough unpleasant one. We think Aunt has returned looking very well.

* It gives us pleasure particularly my dear Father to hear so ~~positively~~ definitely for the family of his late dear Brother while we are at the same time pained to learn by Aunt as well as by your kind letter that your own health is so very delicate.

Often has the wish been expressed by my dear Father & Mother as well as other members of our family that you had returned with come North with Aunt & spent a few weeks with us we feel quite confident such a change of air would ~~be~~ do much towards restoring & confirming your health.

And here my dear Aunt I would present you with an invitation from my dear Parents & in which all our family join that you would spend a few weeks with us this summer if you can feel it consistent to do so with other duties a cordial welcome will ever await you & we should feel the greatest possible pleasure by having visit from you & hope that pleasure may yet be ours.

* I have a long time felt it my duty & it most assuredly would have been my pleasure to have written you on this but such has been the state of Uncle's nervous system that my entire time was spent in his sick room & I wrote few letters but for ^{him} Uncle; but then from ~~any~~ ^{other} member of Uncle's family ~~are~~ ever acceptable yet I fear dear Aunt the effort to write me might have been too much for your feeble health, but with other members of our family hope you are ere this recovering from the indisposition from which you

Accept dear the united thanks of myself and
Brothers for those Mexican curio^sties, ^{which you so kindly sent} — they are
placed ⁱⁿ among our choicest ~~the~~ cabinet — you were
very kind to label them all so nicely & consider
them a rare addition to our ^{own} collections & Uncle

When we think upon the hardships our Cousins
endured in Mexico we feel ^{we have} great cause for thank-
fulness that they were preserved & restored to their
wretched Mother & yet hope their healths will be
eventually restored to them — ^{for Aunt C. feels they all are suffering} Cousins William
& James were well worthy the reward they received
— the hands & hearts of those excellent ladies.

The health of my parents has been good thus far this
season and Aunt Carpenter is looking equally well as when
she first returned — but poor dear sick Uncle — I know not
what to say that will give you any adequate idea of his
sufferings from the excruciating state of his nervous system
none but an eye witness can imagine what they must be
at no time (excepting ~~the~~ ^{the} weeks the last of April) has Uncle
suffered more than the past week — and yet bodily pain
is scarcely felt by him in comparison with what many feel
& suffer — Uncle is unable to use his hands in any way
to amuse — hears no reading — sees no friends but the fam-
ily — no persuasion can induce him to often see some of the
family only two or three times a week — his health is better
than at this time last year & apparently he will suffer
many more ^{months} weeks as he has done for months past — Father
at times appears completely unnerved when witnessing some
severe paroxysms which often last

Our season has been especially warm for June previ-
ous to which time it was very cold — it is now dry though
the crops are not yet suffering from the drought

Cousin Maria Weeden has been severely ill of the prevail-
ing complaint of the season — some have even called it Cholera
but probably that disease has not yet been in Providence & little

Newark July 12th 1849

Dear Uncle

I send, by Mrs Pike my mother
in law the skins of three Grouse which I
skinned last winter for you, they may amuse
a leisure moment. I wish I could contribute
more to your happiness. in return for the many
kindnesses and benefits I have enjoyed from you

Yours affectionately

Willet R. Murray

From W. R. Murray
Newark N. J. July 12th
Recd Sept. 17th 1899

Doc William Blansing

Camden N.J. July 19th 1849
Miss Blanding

I wrote to you on the 9th June last, with respect to your coming out here as a teacher, and not yet receiving any answer suspect my letter has miscarried — as I requested you to write whether you came or not — I think ^{the} prospect better now than when I wrote in June, indeed there is nothing in the way now that I know of, the leading employers have promised me to wait until I heard from you, and are doing so as yet —

Mr. A. R. Shock set out for New York last week, in whose car you can place yourself, He may be found by enquiring of Baldwin & Starrs No. 8 Cedar Street up stairs, or at the Hardware Store of Wolfe & Gillespie No. 133 Pearl Street — When you can make such arrangements as may suit you best, Mr. Shock will not leave New York before the middle, or last of August —

I have a bad head ache to day, in very bad fix for writing — Give my best respects to Dr. Blanding — Business is extremely dull, fine crops all around in this part of the country —
yours with much esteem
A. Purviance

Camden Wis
July 19th

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St. Louis Mo

Miss Juliet M. W. (standing)

Providence

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W. B. B. B. B.

Care J. J. Stagg Esq

New York

Elm Cottage July 20th 1849-

My dear Sister Julia

Your letter to Uncle came duly to hand and was opened with pleasure as it told us you had safely passed the first ordeal of a public examination & here let me congratulate you that the event was so satisfactory to those present.

This is Friday afternoon & I have done all the odd jobs for the day preparatory to an easy days work tomorrow. Mother has just completed the butter for market and gone to sit with Uncle who has a moment since done screaming with all his might. Aunt Carpenter has this afternoon gone to Seekonk with C. M. P. to mill & is dressed in her fulard silk & gimp bonnet with etc. to match - by the by let me tell you Aunt has a new bonnet of which I am more ashamed than that gimp one. it is she says just like Mrs Bonney's & Eliza Lee's second mourning bonnets & she got it because they wished her to have one like theirs. - you must remember Mrs. B. is about my age & Eliza Lee yours. The bonnet is a sherd one, front broad at the sides & flat across the forehead the fashion for young ladies this summer. The material is very thin crape with fine bright whole bones run through the sherd round crown a very handsome lace behind and full crape cape no mourning bonnet could be more dreary - do you not think it becoming for Aunt. She has also had a very nice alpaca made since her return being the third new dress in three years with plenty common ones. Mother's dress is a black straw trimmed with crape & a very nice veil Miss Winthrop gave her & Uncle gave her a dress at New Years cost \$1. a he gave Father nothing but a wedding at that time. Aunt's expenses from the last day of last September to the present time has been \$12.00 and Uncle says it is very cheap, while when I went to Pawtucket he thought \$80.00 would support me handsomely & allow something to lay by - he is sure you have waste about all the money you can in Camden because you cant keep up a school &c. &c.

I suspect this will be an all sorts of a letter as I am so very humbly to get it off by Father tomorrow fearing you may be over anxious to hear from us my last letters contained so much sad news - my last was printed

Sister I will come home tonight I expect - this night week Father took her into the City & put her on board the boat that plys between Warren & Providence & she went to Barrington (the boat stops at Sayak) to spend the sabbath with Lephie - we have heard nothing from her since & presume she will get home to night -

When Lephie was last at home she expected to be done teaching at Barrington this day & will probably get home tomorrow or early next week when after visiting a little she expects to sed with Fanny Dagget - she does not like the Smiths with whom she is in B - They are so proud and haughty & she looked nearly used up.

To day is examination of my school at Pawtucket & I would gladly would be there for Cousin Adeline sent me an invitation but I am at Ebene's College nevertheless & now my reasons, I would not well leave the horse as he has to rake hay every afternoon & I have no one to go with me & did not wish to go alone & another reason we changed our dress and put on second swimming fro Uncle Regal & will wear it through this summer as I go out so little I have no new dress & only a black ribbon on my bonnet - the girls have each a black sham bracingham & their bonnet trimmed prettily with crape and silk with broad white ribbon strings, they have each a black alpaca which makes them a good change E - has some thing more, but I know not what, as she has not been out this term, but my dresses are somewhat antiquated & having worn them summer & winter at Pawtucket I rather stay at home today. I really have all the clothes I need except as I am - I now have on your old light colored rose paper, it is my second best - the blue one first best and this morning I put in a pair of sleeves to the old wrapper like yours it looks quite respectable yet. & here let me tell you a pretty apron for school two yards of ging ham made with selvage up & down & put into a binding so the apron meets or nearly so behind tied in front with strings of the same - with or without pockets - I said the bonnets were bent so as to look boxed at the sides, but some wear very little trimming inside & other considerable linen backs are all the fashion for young ladies & plaided or spotted muslin for children from barrels size down - Lephie & Sarah have each one trimmed with a black stuff which is fashionable this summer the same pattern as yours, you cannot wear a belt with it, but I will try & send you the pattern of one for a belt.

Next week we expect Mr & Mrs Wheeler here. I know not how long to stay - Mr W. is on his way to England & when Murray's term closes he will accompany his Mother to Illinois. I guess James will go a long - I suppose Mrs. W's children are left in Virginia Kaugher's care as she has been with the family nearly a year. Their little girl born last Sept. is called Virginia Vaughan Wheeler. Uncle does not yet know they are coming expect they would increase all the time if he did know & when they get here behave very well. Aunt told me the other day Uncle talked about me at my back & was so good at my face I smiled. I never feared his saying any thing worse than he had said to my face because there was nothing worse in the English language. Aunt says if he is no more pleasant to her she will quit she will not stay & be treated so - she has been here six weeks. (1) Charles health is very good - has greatly improved & when vexed pops out of bed & runs all about the chambers could not get out if he would. I sometimes feel completely broken hearted.

I had so much fun the 4th. I must not forget to tell you - Sarah came here & we were intending to do great things & went early into the yard, cleared the paths cut the straggling grass around the mounds & I was thinking I could soon be done when I was to write Cousin Esther - about ten o'clock I hired a wagon & said Almira Whitaker is going to the 4th. with her daughters & Sarah says I hope she is not coming here but she was & I went into the library & showed her curiosities till 4 P.M. stopping only for dinner & never changing my dress - when she was gone we picked some strawberries for tea & then I amused myself till dark putting the room in order for it was completely topsy turvey - suppose I tell your supper that night it was corn bread & milk with strawberries & hot biscuits & butter with tea all were weary & went to bed early in no fear of cholera the best of Mrs Whitaker's visit was that it was the day Uncle had set to die & he did remain nearly all the time for several days in anticipation - but never made a bit of noise all that day - since then he has not fixed upon another day to die till today & now don't succeed.

Mr Vernon came here last Sat. we preached Sabbath P.M. & then sent to the Alms house & attended a funeral then came back & sat with a still Monday night having like former times been in the hay field during the day - & said he wished he could stay a week it seemed like.

The greatest doings we have had here was on the 2nd inst. Dr. A. O. B. came down & hitched his horse out side we went out & picked strawberries & came in & went into the library waiting for William to come for supper as the bell had rung when we heard a carriage go like it was flying & his horse was at the gate but William was trying to catch him which was soon accomplished & of he galloped bareback (Uncle had first been screaming but now it changed to a coddling) about half way to Cousin Noah by the top & back wheels of the Drs. buggy & having turned a complete summer set the cushions & strawberries were nicely scattered but on William galloping on the Drs. horse went all the way to the Village where the people knew it and stopped it frightened that the Dr. was hurt. William met them bringing it home & not a thing attached to him was injured saving he had stepped upon the lines & broken them. The Dr. returned in our wagon & rode some on horse back but his carriage is fixed & costing only about \$5.00 I was very glad he was in the road where there was plain sailing - he would have stopped at Uncle Royals but the dog came out & barked & he run the faster. -

Dr. H. O. B. has decided to remain at the Village of Central Falls & Dr. Cleaveland is in at the Village - H. O. B. has some patients at the Village & is attending Mrs. Drown & Mary both of which feel better - Mrs. D. is nervous & Mary has a liver complaint. -

It is now haying time & plenty to do but we have an excellent girl in the kitchen - William began haying this ^{two} days & has completed all his English hay never having but one dash of rain upon it some of the time the weather has been approposely but having risen to 94° and some days stood at 80° till 9 P.M. in the Evening some people gave out from the heat but our men stood it with Aunt & self fix milk maids - did nearly all their raking with a horse rake - the season is so hot & dry that every thing is parched up nearly all my annuals are dead & the grapes in the yard as severe as Actium - I carry about one barrel of water into the yard every day to save if possible the trees if I cannot any thing more I don't if a plant you sent me grows to blossom & marry I must wait another year to see - I have been expecting a letter telling us how & when we are to send a package to you if Mr. Shrock does not come on I left this hoping Sarah would feel able to finish out a half sheet to you but she thinks she cannot as her arm is very weary from bunging some a large bundle she walked all the way -

Mrs Grosvener Brother Frank Harrison is with them again
we are always lively when he is about - he keeps all things moving
he has a Cousin with him a beautiful young lady they have our
side saddle & he is teaching Miss Skinner to ride - At Mr Hunt's
they have a cousin from some place in New York - Miss Sharley is
very accomplished has her guitar along & sings & plays very well
so says your Brother W. W. B. - I have not seen her though she has
called upon our young people - none but Hunt & Sally have
called on Miss Skinner yet hope Sarah may tomorrow. -

I am sorry to be obliged to tell you, your Bear is quite un-
well, took a surfeit one of those hot days & had spasms - hope
you will write us as often this warm weather as you can & not vex your-
self too severely - hope your town may prove healthy & that your va-
cation was sufficient to recruit your prostrated energies I was
pleased to learn you were going to country - hope soon to hear
all about it - especially your visit to Herkwood. -

Cousin Maria Warden has quite recovered her health - there is no
danger of disease if a homeopathic physician is only at hand
Frank H. - says he saw a notice of the Nassau Hall Commem-
-oration & says Rappensperger had a part, but I have been so
turned on my head this summer I have nearly lost sight of him
I hope you will keep a bright look out - Our family are very well
Father & Mother have had more than usual health, it prevails gen-
erally around us no fear at present of cholera - William was
sick a week before leaving & Willie Jeffords about as long it gave them
for pretents - I got so sleepy last night I could write no more and
have only time to close my letter by saying it is now raining
with strong wind from the south - hope it will be a real rain
but all we have had have been very light & I dare not anticipate

All desire kind love to you & remembrance to Mr Pur-
ances family - I hope the cholera will not be so as to keep
Sarah at home & that she will have a "Melodeon" within two
weeks - she is slowly preparing no one knows it besides
the family - I have heard nothing from Mrs Cochran since
what you told me of them - My choice blessing to you
is the prayer of your H. A. Blanding

Miss J. M. Blanding,
Care of Purviance P. M.
Camden
Madison County,
Mississippi.

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Miss Juliet M. Blanding
Care of A. Purviance P. M.
Camden
Madison Co
Mississippi

West Baton Rouge July 30th 1849

My very dear friend

I hardly know whether to begin with an apology for my neglect, or by asking the question which wrote last—
Most true it is, that a long time has elapsed since I either ^{to you} wrote or received a letter from you, I can say for myself that my neglect does not originate in diminished affection, no, far from it. I love you, just as much as I ever did and you know that is not a little, and it is not because I am not anxious to hear from you for I assure ^{you} nothing would give both Lizzie and myself more pleasure than to receive letters every week from you, Oh stop, It would give us more pleasure to see you that often. Lizzie just came into my room to say good night and give me my good night kiss. I told her I am writing to Miss Blanding. She said give her lots of love and tell her I wish she was where we could see her often and it came from her heart— If you could be behind the door sometimes when we get to talking about a certain Miss J. M. B. if she were to hear the encomiums poured upon her— she would feel a little flattered, that is, if her ladyship would feel flattered with anything coming from such a source, Now my dear friend will you not as soon as you receive this sit down and write immediately. It was after nine o'clock when I commenced writing but I was thinking of you and felt as if I could not wait a day longer you know all about my egregious blunders omissions and mistakes for I never take the trouble to copy now a days, so here goes, First have you not received one letter from me since my return from Evansville last Dec, I am not

quite certain but think I wrote soon after my return, I hope to get letters from there ^{by} tomorrow's mail and then I will give you all the news.

High water and Cholera have been the exciting and alarming topics here during most of the winter, spring, and thus far in the summer. Have you had either to contend with in your vicinity. The over flow will be the cause of the loss a great many thousand dollars in this parish. Mr. Lamon's place with the exception of a few acres was under water and will lose in proportion.

As for the Cholera we have thus far escaped with but little. Mr. Lamon had a slight attack and a negro man but no death. Would I could say as much for the rest of our parish. There have been no death among the whites in our immediate neighborhood but a great many negroes have fallen victims.

A few miles from us whole families have been swept off in a day or two. I saw four coffins contain the remains of that number of white adults from one family all buried at one time and died within a few hours; besides several negroes.

I believe it has quite subsided now as there have been no new cases for two weeks I hope and pray it may not return.

The disease seems perfectly manageable when taken in time but the negroes will not always tell when first attacked what symptoms - and when so many whites died they had no physician near. I started to go to Indiana in the early part of May intending to go as far as La Fayette. I was going in company with a gentleman and his daughter. The gentleman had made arrangements in N. Orleans to take a large amount of freight which was at a sugar house a few miles above our residence. The boat was to be at our place on Friday morning, but did not get here till 12 o'clock Sunday night, so you can imagine our patience was pretty well exhausted when

she arrived. We were however soon on board and at once retired but had hardly got soundly asleep when we were called and told that the Capt could not get near enough to the levee to take in the freight. of course the gentleman would not go without his freight nor let his daughter go and I of course would not go without them. If the Capt had, had honour enough to have told the truth when at our landing we would not have started on his boat. The whole truth was he was too heavily frightened to take what he had contracted to take for our friend and he thought he would get the passengers at all events, but he was disappointed, as well as we. As it was so late and no dwelling near we decided to go on to Bayou Sara and then wait for the mail boat the next day - we spent a dull day - got on the Luna at 5 P.M. reach home at 12 o'clock ^{on Monday} ~~at night~~. Rather a short trip to Louisiana Lizzie was so glad that I did not go on without Mr Markham & daughter, that I felt almost compensated for my great disappointment. She had not objected to my going and I did not think she cared so much about my leaving her. I had other acquaintances on the boat but I felt indignant at the course the Capt pursued which made me return. I think if I live I will go up next summer.

I did not get letters by last mail as I hoped to when I began this letter therefore have nothing new from Evansville to communicate. They have Cholera there but I have heard of no deaths among our friends from it. Mr Harzer died of apoplexy in May. Mr Baker lost his youngest child. I do not think of any other deaths since I left there. Nor do I now think of any marriages that would particularly interest you. George Lyon was married fast fell to a lady in Carre Haute, another Horriet. H. Beament is not married. I have just heard from Le Fayette that Mary E Stockwell is married to a lawyer by the name of Jones. I received a letter from Mrs Tofford, (you may know that Mr & Mrs Tofford

have been teaching in Evansville for some time - you recollect they traveled with us on the Ohio canal) requesting me to try and get a situation for one of her sisters as a teacher - I have written her that I have procured one in a private family where she can get from four to five hundred dollars per annum for five scholars two or three are to be taught music. If you had taught music I would have tried hard to have gotten you to take the place, selfishness would have prompted me, so as to have you near us, but you would have had to turn episcopalian as there is no other church in this vicinity - I intend going to Baton Rouge tomorrow to spend one week; come go with me - it is only 12 miles on the other side of the river - I will promise you that you will find it pleasant - It has rained some part of almost every day for two months which keeps the roads in such a state that there is no pleasure in going out, and I am quite tired of home - Though we visit a little between showers in our own neighborhood; and spend some part of every day in reading, sewing &c. &c. I read every night as formerly after I go to bed at night, you know some of my bad habits -

Will you not my dear dear friend as soon as you receive this write a long long letter tell me every thing relating to your dear self. Are you married? or are you going to be? Do not let us be so restless again you write with so much more ease than I do you ought to write oftener than I do, but I will try and make up in number and length of letters what they lack in matter - I know their imperfections but I know you will not suffer them to meet the eyes of any but your own and your criticism will be mild - Lizzie is just as anxious to hear from you as I am I often scold her about not writing to her friends but she excuses her laziness by saying they hear from her, through me - Good by, and believe me ever your sincere friend

C. E. L. Town

Camden N.J. July 30th 1841

Miss Blanding

I rec^d yours of the 14th inst. confirming my suspicions that mine of June^{9th} had never been received — I wrote to you on the 19th inst. which hope you will get, if you have not already. But lest that should fail, I will repeat my directions to you Mr. Shrock will have reached New York by this time, and ^{can} easily be found by calling on Baldwin & Starr No. 8 Cedar Street up stairs, or at Seaman & Peck's Nos. 122 & 124 Broadway, corner of Cedar Street, where you can meet and make such regulations as may suit you & him best —

It is probable Mr. Shrock will not leave New York before the first of September, and arrive home about the middle of October, at which time I would consider you perfectly safe as regards sickness, there is no case of sickness at this time in all my acquaintance — some have supposed this would be a sickly ^{season} in consequence of the unusual quantity of rain which has fallen for the last four weeks.

I am truly glad you have concluded to come South, there is nothing at present that I know of to prevent you from getting a school — You will find the people here hospitable and kind, have respect to Religion in others, but many of them think but little on that subject for themselves —

I will expect to hear from you in answer to mine of the 19th July, — I have written to Mr. Shrock that he would in all probability, have your company on his return home —

If mine of the 19th reaches you, and this also, I suspect it will not be necessary for me to write again —

As the Paper, Paints, brushes &c. used in painting ~~to~~
are scarce here ^{might} it be well for you to lay in a
small supply, but you know best, I suspect you
will not need any for some time, in School
I hope you will have safe & pleasant journey, &
be satisfied to live in a Mississippi forest —

Yours Respectfully
A. Purviance

To Dr Wm Blanding
Dear Sir

I rec'd yours in connection
with your Niece's, as my head aches badly, I can
say but a few words, can collect no shells this
summer, water courses full all the time —

you wish to know who Mr. Shrock is, he is Mrs.
Purviance's brother, the only son of Henry Shrock
Jr. who lived with his mother in Camden
S.C. and kept a Cooper Shop on Broad Street
you have no doubt seen Joseph playing
about the Shop, while the old man was
jumping round his Kegs —

Hope this will find you enjoying usual health
We are all well, and all join in sending
you our best respects —

Yours Most Obedient
A. Purviance

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Camden N.J.
July 31

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A. Pierian D.M.

Miss Juliet M. Blanding
Providence
Rhode Island

Will Mr Blanding accept
my thanks for the beautiful riding
whip, he kindly sent me.

The gift shall be preserved as
remembrance of the giver, who man-
ifests so much interest for a
stranger, and also because it is
taken from a spot connected with
the history of one of a race, in whom
we feel I have always been much
interested.

I can make no other return for your
kindness than to wish for you a speedy
restoration to health, and all those ble-
sings which health alone can bestow.

That year of happiness and
usefulness may yet be yours, is the
desire of one who will ever remember
with pleasure and gratitude, her visit
to Rehoboth.

With sentiments of esteem,

Your young friend
Frances C. Skinner

July 31st 1849

Ann Miss G. Skinner

Dr William Blanding
Elm Cottage

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Providence August 8. 1849.

My dear Sister,

I am quite at a loss to know whether to begin this letter upon a big sheet or a little one this I know I ought to have begun & finished it before this, but procrastination has been at his old tricks again. Intended to have begun this so as to have sent it the first day of the month, but circumstances prevented. I believe I wrote you of the decline of Mr Leavitt's health, he continued to decline till his people said he must not remain longer without an effort to regain it they presented him with 250 dollars & told him to go in pursuit of health he hoped to be joined by Mr Bloodget & they together make a trip to the White hills of New Hampshire, but when Mr Leavitt left Mr B. was undecided about going & I fear he will not do so.

The family always leave in August & are absent some weeks but Mrs. felt extremely anxious to remain & recruit here if possible their leaving earlier than they expected gave them a hurried time for their arrangements & I tried to render them what little assistance I could & this is my apology for not writing as soon as expected, they left, tomorrow morning will be a week, I can't tell you how I miss them Mrs. & the children are to remain at her mother's in Bedford the house is entirely closed excepting so much as I choose to occupy, & I am entirely alone, I have just taken my loaf of bread upon my lap my plate of butter & glass of water by my side & partaken of my frugal meal, I would have liked to have you join me - they left Thursday morning & Dr De Wolf who has gone to the hotel to board, his family being out of town came home & offered me a home there, which I gladly accepted, but Thursday even they sent in for me from home & I was out leaving Dr De Wolf entirely alone & quite unwell, he said go & that he was getting better, but he was really sick all the time I was gone, he was alone only one night as Mary the chambermaid came the next morning to do our cooking, but the Doctor seemed to think she was not great for cooking to please an invalid. I went there Monday eve & in about an hour Mrs De Wolf came & yesterday all Mr B's family but John & all the Doctors but Hinckley. Miss Winter, came too & I acted

to my old quarters. Lizzie & Hatty came over & slept with me. I was out of school yesterday afternoon did not feel well & conclude I should prefer holding my stomach at home to staying it there. I feel much better this morning. Went home Thursday evening & Friday morning Mr Cornell came & in the afternoon Mr & Mrs Daniel Wheeler came they only stayed the afternoon Mr C. also returned that evening. Mr & Mrs W. came into the City where they have engaged lodgings & were only out once more, Monday afternoon, yesterday. Mr W. left for England & this morning Mrs W. with Murray, baby & nurse started for Illinois. Mrs Wheeler advised me to send her love to you & an invitation to pass the next Christmas holidays with them at Mobile, she thinks you could get there without all the journey, around by New Orleans, you can probably ascertain & I judge you would enjoy the visit. Mrs Wheeler asked me last evening whether I thought there was any danger of Sally leaving Uncle & I told her how we were situated. You must know that we are not allowed to sleep up stairs we can lie upon the floor or sofa, provided we don't get upon Uncle's but Sally has cleaned the chambers she wants to lie down & there is no place as soft as Aunt C's bed to lie upon & then if we move in the chambers Sally is disturbed & Uncle will not have that, there is no one in the house but Uncle, Aunt & Sally that require or deserve anything. Uncle told father the other day that he did not know how much Sally did for him, father replied if he did for our family did the same for Grandmother for three years & never had a cent for it & no one thought it was anything & Uncle had never begun to require the washing, Grandmother said well Uncle replied you was doing your duty & now we are repaying the reward of it, for your children are all well.

Thursday Eve - Another term of school is complete & tomorrow I expect to draw my money & go free, I feel nearly free as to society now for this house looks desolate enough & if the week that the family have been gone for they went a week this morning, is as long to them as it has been to me. I hope Mr Leavitt is nearly well - he has certainly had time to improve very much.

I stayed last night at the Doctar's & expect to go there again to join Mr Bemons family with himself leave tomorrow for Pomfret where they expect to remain through the summer. There is a good school for Hatty there. I do wish Mr Bemons might obtain a good settle

ment some where - he is quite a spiritless little. Jessie grows finely. Mr. Kame is preaching in Kingston. My old friend James B. No. Potter is to be married the fifth of September to one of my old school his cousin's daughter, Edira Potter, I think they will make a very handsome couple, they will live where her father does, & above the house but I imagine Mr. P. will remain & they live with them, I do feel glad for her parents & especially for her mother, as she had a handsome property in her own right & her husband has been unfortunate in business & I expect they are sadly reduced - Jos. has furnished her father with business.

When I was home last week Mrs. Grosvenor's brother Frank Harrison with a cousin Miss Skinner were visiting there I saw F. but did not see her, Frank is to graduate in about a week - he called upon the old lady -

I intended to tell you our plans for home, if Sally remains & things continue as they are, brother William will sell everything off of the farm this fall & we shall get a place for father & mother and all quiet & let them manage, the place is in grand order now & a man to get sick skinning it for a few years, brother Tom has behind more than 100 dollars last year & will do no better this.

You know that they have an Irish girl to do the work there & Sally just walked down & told her what to do as orderly as if she was her mistress & Ann would get Uncle's breakfast just to order while Sally was eating hers or whatever she chose to have done till Ann told Ann she was hired to do our work & Sally was hired to do Uncle's & after a few more such things Sally gave it nearly up - Aunt & Sally think Uncle ought to keep more money by him not long since he had two hundred dollars, but they think he keeps him self very close - you know his money used to disappear mysteriously & now I sometimes have half a suspicion that there were more outlets to Uncle's purse than we supposed - Now I do think it is too bad for me to be troubling you with all this but then I believe I am doing as I would be done by - I know you cannot personally relieve us but you can pray & if all these things are overruled so as to leave us to live lives less devoted to the world & are the instruments in God's hands of leading our dear parents to lay up treasure in Heaven we shall have reason for thanksgiving & praise through eternity - I believe it is all ordered by a wise & infinitely good God & to him let us look for a blessing

I have entirely forgotten to tell you that
 Paolo took a cold about two weeks since
 after an illness of only fifteen minutes he has
 in New Bedford - he has not heard the
 Montcalm - probably a fit - Since then is
 all the better - left of the very pale - more
 stout & tall - think mother has Company of Bul
 lock means that is enough - they have not
 once allude to it

Recd. July 28
 Wm. G. W. Blanning,
 Care of Assurance Co. N.Y.
 Camden,
 Madison Co,
 N.Y.

He has not told me how he feels about the
 but nothing of his bore complaint. I believe it is more
 come than anything else - I wish to have him visit for
 with me early next week. I would not go but to get him off for
 want to make other use of my money rather than spend it upon
 myself. I have asked me if I could not get the money to go with me
 in my place but she declines the want. I would gladly have my
 half we have done a great deal for him - but this we have
 not done to think - that would be cheap night

I think you will not want another of my letters soon but this has
 one thing to recommend it that none of the others have had
 it has been written in Mr. Leavitt's study, but do not think it par
 takes much of the spirit that usually pervades there - The day I was
 home Saturday Tom Lapham & I took with Frank Garrison, Mrs. Thim
 Thos. Blandish & another went to a picnic at Fairville - had a fine time
 Mr. Blandish's horse died the next day but no blame is attached to
 Thos. they think the horse crushed in his stomach trying to get through
 a narrow hole, probably after rats - Write soon to your own attached
 sister Ebe

Rec'd Sept. 11

Miss J. M. Blanding;
Care Mr. A. Purviance P.M.
Camden,
Madison County,
Mississippi.



Elm Cottage Aug. 9th. 1844-

My dear Sister

I think my dear J. - your last letter to Uncle dated June 18th nor my last from you bearing date 18th with success - and should have been earlier replied to but we have been very busy, but I really did intend to merely finish this, this P. M. but I will give you my engagements. I had first finished a letter to my friend Annie Miller when Mr Grosvenor came in, he was scarcely settled when Christina & Mrs Albert Dixon called & while I was acting Miss Hewitshausgibel in the bedroom when Caroline Hunt & Miss Skinner a Cousin of Mrs Grosvenors called & Aunt Carpenter accompanied them to Seekonk for a little visit; soon after they left Mr Blodget called looking for Mr Grosvenor so my time was fully occupied with out writing as if he had gone to Dear Hunts. Mother with Susan Smith to Boston to see Uncle William Carpenter; Father had gone to Pawtucket & in my second day drops entertained the company. -

Though Father & Sophia returned before the company all left. - Mother returned at Evening, she went over yesterday, found Uncle at Lydias & they went no farther, he is very feeble lays down twice or more each day - has no appetite - has got very thin since he was over here. Mother says, then he looked like a mere skeleton - he thinks he can last but little longer & I fear he cannot, it seems surprising how rapidly Mother's family have passed away in one year. This night we heard of the death of Uncle Joshua which took place a week previous in New Bedford - was ill only a few moments complained of pain in his side & went to his bed & died almost immediately - we heard he felt grieved we did not let him know of Uncle Royals illness & death - we supposed him at Cheshire or in Connecticut with some of his children and I wrote him at the former place requesting his daughter to forward the letter to Uncle wherever he might be, but fear she neglected to do so - Uncle when he died was with Polly's daughter of whom he thought as much as he could have done of an own daughter - while she looked upon & loved him like a Father

Dea has moved home & Uncle lives with him if you have any letters to him please send them to him

The cholera is I suppose in Providence but the board of health make no reports on account of the alarm it would give the citizens & probably the country people would not come in to market & yet they dare buy scarcely any thing of the vegetable kind. Abram was called by another Dr to see a patient who died yesterday morning at Central Falls doubtless of real cholera. it produced much excitement in the place - a little of it is said to be in Boston - people as yet are not much alarmed thinking it will not prevail to any great extent - we hope it will get no nearer you than Garden City.

Mrs. Gray died last Saturday of what Dr. Aspinwall calls cholera but it doubtless was a severe case of cholera morbus, she was sick nearly two weeks - it was brought on doubtless by over exertion in taking care of Sally Ann who has had fits without number until she became perfectly wild & it took three to take care of her sometimes two men she is now much reduced & has her reason most of the time her sickness is supposed to have been caused her working hard to clean & paint in order her own room. John Gray has been very ill but is now better. I know not what will become of Sally Ann without another fit.

General health prevails in this section of the country - people are afraid to eat vegetables & fruits as in former seasons - berries and fruits are scarce and few this summer owing to the dry weather which has caused every thing to look scar as autumn & crops are bad. my dahlias have been a long time in bud but one blossom got & I doubt if any of my annuals come to perfection aside from the candy tuft which last year was large & branching & this year is only a few inches high & makes no show. my cypress vine is two feet high the Mexican vine stands where it did last year & is so much shaded it has grown as high as the chamber windows - the grapes have done well & the arbour is nearly covered with the wild vines - I have carried about twelve buckets of water a day into the yard since the first of May & could you see the yard you would not feel much pleased. - Williams & Co have so far done better than many - today it is raining heavily & we hope it may prove sufficient to soak the meadows sufficiently to make the grass set for next year - the wind is South, we have scarcely had a summer shower this summer although unusually hot & oppressive.

I thought I had told you Leggie Pierce was suffering again from that nervous difficulty - but has been getting better ever since they used the shower bath which they did not until she was nearly as bad as I thought.

Sat. P. M. Aug 11th. I have just written the half of a letter & given Dr. A. C. B. to fill out to Rappaporter who is now in Springfield but will soon leave for Princeton to enter upon his theological course. — he says Springfield has greatly changed in four years since I saw it. —

Your letter of the 7th ult. is before me & I will answer the questions it contains & add what more there is room for. —

You ask of Uncle Roger's affairs who will take charge of them & De Witt — Uncle requested before his death that Cousin Habel should be the guardian & he has done so, if he can make Georges equal of De Witt it will be a great thing — poor De Witt feels badly at being obliged to quit his home &c. — he has done well since Uncle's death & preserving

Cousin S. Smith's widow has a babe about two months old she knows not yet the cause of Samuel's death — it is thought when the estate is settled there will be two thousand dollars at interest besides the farm — & that there is nothing the matter with the Bowen girl but it costs all pretence to obtain money — & she probably got considerable but money would not satisfy Samuel's conscience in regard to his family.

Aug. 2 P. M. I was making a great effort to close this for the mail the day of last date when Sister Ecaine into the room and said she offered a letter to you the previous day & I immediately bade my pen advise to let the news be later than hers, when the arrival of your letter of Aug 6th decided me to acknowledge the receipt of it by closing this to you

Your letter reached us Tues. 12th and yesterday I forwarded the ~~the~~ order to Mr. Cornell and also packed a small package for you & sent both by Dr. A. C. B. to Postucket to be forwarded the day to New York — and here follows a list of the articles sent, means for a dress, material for a dress for Lizzie B. Brown and one gingham

a piece into the folds of which are sewed a little box containing the Christmas gift — two books, one, Macaulay's Miscellanies, and Smith's researches in China — Uncle appeared willing for you to have both but decided not exactly dare to send it perhaps Sarah may bring it if she comes — Elizabeth is reading Kohl — three book covers from Uncle which you can make cushions or boxes of as you please, with stiff pasteboard. I think you could make a box if you prefer the drawing paper three lithographs of Ruims, one sketch of Elm. Est. with the arbor & paths (ie) gravel walks — the one you asked for Uncle gave to Cousin Esther Ellis last summer. — one sketch of Bearwage — a sketch of Uncle's for you to redraw & send by

* a package packed & forwarded by order of Robert Brown & Co. of New York

When Elizabeth reached Newmarket she intended adding to the package
some muslin to make an apron like the one in the package. ~~White~~
~~aprons are now worn~~ instead of silk - also some trimming for the
dress and a song book. - There may be muslin enough for a skirt
for Lizzy. - As to the dress you can trim if it sends both cord and
velvet as you like - the cord to embroider with - take a pattern from
the Ladies Book or make one for yourself - the velvet is put on pelieu
sapes & draps one row at the edge & one a short distance from it - on the
skirt two or three times ^{at} the top of the facing above it the distance
of the width of a velvet tuck apart. - they mostly make small
bishop sleeves that is they are perfectly straight at the arm & gathered into
a band at the wrist - as to the body they are made full at the bottom &
nearly plain at the neck - there is what is called the musk Million which
which I like for dresses that have not to be washed - measure the length
you need the body & the fullness it is necessary to upon the side which
to be next the lining new casings about three fourths of an inch apart like
you intended running in so many cords then turn & upon the out
side gather at the bottom of the body like any other dress - it only need
be wide enough to hold a little full on the shoulders & in the neck
it appears when done like a fluted bodice & I think it very pretty
there are no strings or cords run into the casings, which go up & down
dresses are made very close in the neck & some wear a very narrow linen collar
standing up with cuffs of the same the collar should be no more than a finger
third of an inch wide - but you can find some pretty patterns in the
Ladies Book. - And here I will answer the question of yours if any of us
sent you the Ladies Book - I can assure you we do not have no funds
for it. I did think that as we finished the reading of each number I ^{had}
send it to you but there are so many to read they never will get done
and now they have all gone to New Hampshire except the August No.
which I have not yet received & like yourself wish much to know what
became of Cousin John & his fine friend. - you will be compelled to
thank some one nearer your present home I fear & reckon it will
not be difficult to fix upon some Cavalier - May it be the Mayor?

Sister E. started yesterday Evening to make a short visit with
Susan, Father will go up ^{to return} with her next week & when in Boston they
will call upon Mrs. Pike & Mrs. Church who are visiting Mrs. Hall
I wish much I could see them but that is a vain wish for I prefer
staying at home to making an effort to go any where.

My dear mother & sister
I am so glad to hear from you & all
I hope you are all well & happy
I am well & hope these few lines
will find you all the same
I am your affectionate son
John

I hope dear sister I can hear you say what most you wish
ed is not mentioned as being in the package & whether is it
for Father is quite as well & unable to go to the City or do any
labor & Tom is sick too that is his ankle or shoulder is the same
we use him only when necessary & complete & William has consid-
erable more than he can do & is only assisted by one of Emis-
sions fresh from the island going into the City for dogwood &c
was out of the question, but you shall have letters if Sarah comes
out to you; but mine I cannot promise, I have sat once & feel
unwilling to sit again until each member of the family has
sat for theirs - they may think I imagine myself very handsome
& then if Sarah leaves us I would prefer using the money for her to let
another season is I am so very thin now I am the verriest fig-
ure you ever saw & can but hope I may sometime be a little more
plump & should I not sit again any present picture could be copied
if any one should desire it -

You asked about Robert's board in painting; I can only
tell you that he uses Bristol board with dry paints which he causes
to adhere to the board by scratching with his penknife until the
surface was rough enough to be the right shade, the paints were spread
& I think laid upon the place as he began scratching it that he may have
rubbed it in with a stiff brush - I think you can experiment till
you can get it right the surface of the paintings felt rough, but only
looked sufficiently so to be mellowed -

The needle work for caps, cuffs &c is done by embroidering
with the braid upon lace & muslin; for second mourning black
cord is used upon collars - steel, silver & gold beads are now used
to work upon velvet & silk cambrus, like shawls ^{but} she did in
Philadelphia 16 years since, finished with broad fringes -
for embroidery there are patterns in the ladies books for her work
you may take any pattern & evidence to suit yourself -

You say you have changed much since you left home but
I think you cannot be in advance of me - Aunt & self have changed
ages - she fleets with the beaux and belles while I take the part of an old
maid

Grandfather & Mary and all our good friends

Aunt returned from the South in full health & spirits soon after which
Mrs Grosvenors Brother (Frank Garrison) & his Cousin came to the
persons & Aunt visited them & walked & talked & rode with them when
Uncle concluded I must invite them here; I did not feel in the humor
knowing if any thing occurred I must take all the blame, or Uncle
called me a heathen & such other epithets as suited the occasion &
I decided to make company & if for one stranger for all & my invitation
were as follows; Mr & Mrs Grosvenor, Mr Garrison & Miss Skinner—
Dr. Cleveland & Lady (the Dr. Maria his lady that week to the
Village & she was home enough, I could but laugh to hear her
describe her mad horse — it is the same that Abram had) —
and Miss Hardy with the young people from Mr W. Hunt, Mr Allen
and Amelia Blandings, all came but the last named & as Dr. C's
father & mother were in town that day they came with an express
invitation & Mrs G. — had her children & we had all the company
we could entertain by setting a table as long as we could pass round
in the dining room — but expect we gave a mortal offence by not
inviting Noah's family — Miss Hardy was a very gentle young lady
from near Utica N. Y. & niece of Mr W. Hunt — Miss Skinner was
also a very pleasant young lady — & both being fine singers they
sang that Evening till Uncle screamed as loud as he could & did
not get quiet till 11 o'clock — the company left about 10 o'clock — all the visitors
in this neighborhood left last Monday week; & the Sat. night prior
Miss Hardy serenaded William, soon after all were in bed
the music of a guitar near the window brought us all into the sitting
room where we listened to her while she played & sang five fine pieces
& we dared not breath but for fear of Uncle — Our Bear & his sisters
were with Miss M. — they went to Mr Grosvenors where they made them
go in to sing & play — she was a fine player though Noah's people &
Aunt could not think much of her — the next day only four went
to Church, we walked & rather service closed in the P. M. it rained in
torrents; Our Bear got a covered carriage & took Miss M. Catherine & B.
Amelia & and self home while Dr. Cleveland brought Elizabeth
& Sarah home, William put his pants into his boots & rode home
all the Congregation waited sometime for it to darken & it was so
much needed I heard no one find fault.

...of the family ...
The week previous William, Joseph & Sarah, Frank C. and
his cousin, Thomas & Amelia went to the Mill down by Daughters
ins place they had a fine time but the next day Mr. Bladen died
which was quite a sad loss upon their pleasure - the next
week Mr. Go. family took Aunt C. & Caroline & went to Annandale
with accompanied by Mr. Pomeroy family William & myself re-
ceived no invitation, Joseph did but declined - the next day Mrs.
G. & her young people accompanied Joseph to the water hole & River
Cemetery - Aunt returned with Caroline to River side for her
health - she had been home just nine weeks it is difficult to tell
which is youngest Aunt or Caroline - Josiah has another daughter
Marion is at River side, Mr. Meeden has gone to New York & Boston
Marion is well but looks very thin the babe is nicely -
Thomas recently received a letter from William Carpenter, he gave
a fine description of his journey & present location at San Francisco
where he is making from \$12. to \$20. per day & has not been up to the
diggings - & says he will not while he is doing so well, he will get a "heap"
Thomas Bladen is leaving next Saturday week for California, goes
by the Homer the vessel is freighted with building materials & the
mechanics are all passengers - or the passengers are all mechanics
they expect to be six months getting round - I sometimes wish Abram
had gone - the death of his Kate together with want of business & debts
which hang over him he looks most wretchedly as badly as when he
came from R. Alinda has given him \$5. or since sometime in Dec. last
Sarah has tried to follow your directions in many particulars espe-
cially in dressing herself but she walks home every week when it does
not ruin & the weather is so hot she heats her blood & has never look-
ed worse than this summer - she is also unusually thin for her -
we are doing little by little for her in the way of clothing & but will
be glad to get your letter giving directions &c. - Joseph has been
very well this summer - she is much better now & is with Mrs.
Bishop Bowen whose husband has gone away for horses &c. &c.
The personage is rapidly going forward & to be done ready to go
into by the 1st of Nov. it is located on the hill a little this side
of the bar as you go up from the village to the turnpike, the
view of the Church was from nearly the same place - the
house is to be a very smart affair -

Don't seem to be doing too well - brown yarrow berries
I know not what to tell your Uncle for a month past he has been
quiet until a few days since when attacks like his old neuralgia
have caused him much suffering today it has been very bad and he
is very nervous - & the most wretched person imaginable does not
suffer as much as he did a few weeks since from fear of death but is
suffering from fear that we may not do right to every body & is very
irritable - scarcely any body with him but dally day in & day out
I write occasionally for him but never draw or read for him since
he sent me out of his room with all my things a long time since, he really
is most wretched & my heart bleeds for him, I could wish day & night if
that would do any good - his health has been much better than last sum-
mer - I hope he has not been down stairs but once - no he did not get down

Father had a decrease in liver which I hope will be greatly benefited by
his trip to N. H. - he is getting better now - when in Boston he will call at
Mr. S. L. Cochran's to enquire after Mr. A. B. Cochran & family -

I have just received your letters again & find I left out the paintings
which I will forward to New York by Mr. Welden tomorrow if I can get
them to him - I read your letters several times yesterday fearing I
had forgotten something & overlooked that every & with the whole felt
like there was something more - I am really a stupid doth -

We have had a rainy day since got that storm down after sunrise
William started for Salt meadow to bring home the hay got there &
the rain was so heavy he came home without his load & now must
wait till next week - he got the fresh meadow like English grass it
was so dry there was no water save in the brook - this English
hay could not be cut fast enough the weather was so hot & dry the
hay made standing & there was little to do beside cut & draw in
only a little in one lot that had a drop of rain upon it - Mr Vernon
slept there one day the weather was warm many people around
us gave out but ours kept well except father - the first two weeks we
have had rain & my seeds some of them have come up since then
one of your Morning glories bloomed today & is red which makes the
eleventh variety I planted seeds I brought at Springfield of the B & the
look finely with the red & white beans, my best dohelia & love lies
ling are there & by first it will be covered - I have beans so Mexican one
running up the fence & shade the sitting windows they do well since
the rain

Providence, Aug. 11. 1849.

Dear Uncle

Aunt Carpenter informs me that you complain of my not having attended to your Request that your Bill should be rendered.

If I had been informed that you wanted it, I have no recollection of the fact, or it would have been sent long before this, you may be sure.

I am not, intentionally negligent, but have a memory which plays me strange pranks at times.

Am very glad to hear that your bodily health is somewhat improved, and hope your spirits will revive with the coming of pleasant Autumn weather.

Maria writes me that herself and the Baby are well, - Carrie most sick - the rest about as usual.

With much respect, I remain

Yours Truly

J. R. Weed

Mr. J. A. Weedon
Care. Aug. 11th. 1879
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Dear Sir

Yours truly
J. A. Weedon

That bank report of revenue

will - some and not - the not about as
which wrote me that itself and the day

with the company of business situation

not improved, and hope your report will
be very fine to see that your credit health is

the reports are strong enough at times

and not, especially, but not have a way
not say before that you may be sure

the situation of the bank will be
up of the bank report that you cannot at

regard that your credit health is improved

and situation of my not having returned to you

And say that revenue for the

Chambers, May 11, 1879

I have so much to write I hardly know what to take first, but guess will begin & go on in the order of events, the last week in July a young lady came from Manchester sick with small pox, she acted like a dune about it, knew she had been exposed, but would not be vaccinated, her sister was, & had the varioloid, she was broken out with it when she came, but told no one that she had been exposed ^{to it}, sent for Currier & Robinson of L., & they sent to Sandborton for a Dr. to tell what was the matter, & he said it was ~~sp~~ sp, then she said "she should die" & die she did, in about 2 or 3 weeks, for the last 5 days she lived they gave her only cold water, how think Daniel would have come out if he had been treated so, I wish you could have seen the bustle C. made, you would have thought all of the town were going to die with spox, got one of the selectmen to appoint him vaccinator general, & we have heard he talked of suing Nath. for vaccinating those who wanted he should do it because the town had appointed him ~~spox~~ ^{spox} & had no site to vaccinate one the town had appointed him ^{by the way} Mr Tanforth the select man only told him he had better vaccinate a few families in the immediate neighborhood, to say he vac. 300, the usual fee is 25cts, I never have heard of but one that he died taking, & that was his own child, N. has had grand success, I should think he had vac near 100, & a good many of those that C. had professed to do, I should like to tell you more about it but cant spare the room, the fun is C. cannot collect a cent for the law says they must have a written license & vac only those who never have been before, but he ~~did~~ vaccinated & revaccinated all he could get even those who had been a no of times before, no one took the small pox.

Last Spring when Mr. Fitz Henry Boyden moved to Providence he let a man ^{a year} by the name of Brown into his house, at the moderate rent of 36 dolls for house & garden, & the best never good for anything even in usual wet seasons, Mrs L. asked Mrs B. what sort of people they were, she replied they did not know, it did not concern them what they were, they came & not a very good name followed them, Boyden's folks sold them a lot of old furniture for more than new would have cost them, & made them promise money for rent, & what he should work for Exp. B. he was to take

got 2 pairs of pants, & a coat, cut out of the cloths, giving a large business warrant
he? they say that, they came with the intention of killing Brown in the covered
bridge as he went home in the eve, & take his trunk that they were armed with
pistols & bowie knives, but as they got here to late for Brown, they concluded
to rob the store, if he had been made with us, I presume we should have all
been burned out of house & home, such is the opinion of the neighbors gear
ally they are now in Hopkinton jail, awaiting the trial in Oct. probably
will have to sojourn a while in a large granite building in the Capital
of the Granite State alias State Prison. I hope they will reform before
they get out if they don't, I pity S. & B. Taylor offered his daughter & child
a home if she would quite B. forever, & she says she had seen enough that
she was satisfied, & has gone home to her father, I think Brown wanted
B. to think he robbed the store, but did not intend to get caught, they are
both young men with wives, Mr. Strew has a child only 3 weeks old, then he
was taken, Brown is a returned volunteer. I had got most to the bottom
of the page when who should come but Mr & Mrs Kennedy of Fishers
vill, formerly of Norwich Conn. & Mrs E. Young of Providence the daugh-
ter & her son, she I presume you will recollect boarded at Mr. Tillingharts
at the time I did, it was a little past Eleven, & N. gone, a grand time
to get dinner, James is afraid of every body & as soon as any one comes
he clings to me unless his father is at home, & he did not get back till
about one, but I was lucky enough to have a piece of lamb baked &
so made out to get a boy, & just every I was to see them & they appear-
ed to be to say me & had a very good visit, got tea about 1/2 past 5 & the
stertest directly beef for J. the Browns have put up another & larger mill
& Kennedy. I don't have to take the old one, & moved up amongst quite
strangers, & they appeared delighted to find some body up here that
they had seen or heard of before, I never saw Mrs. H. till I called there
since they moved to E. Mrs. G. is on a visit. I presume you recollect
the minister's name on the plain is Grace, he is an excellent man, has but
one child, a son ^{44 years old} don't you think a few weeks ago, he went and asked his father
to marry him to their Irish servant girl, what says Mr. J. my son to an Irish
girl? yes says he "I have been told that my mother who you married was a
dutch girl," who told you so? I shant tell for you won't think so well of
them as you do if I do, little upstart, not old enough to know that loss
Dutch had respect to country, & not to character, it has almost upset Mr. J.
Mr. J. he Mr. J. started immediately ^{with him} for some place in N. York State where
they have friends to put him to school, & turned the girl off, but she says
she will stay on the plain just to torment Mr. J. & wife, before Mr. J. got
back from carrying him, she had got 2 letters from Edward she is 20 yrs. old
now what can be sweeter? E. says when he is 18 if his father won't let
him marry her he will shoot himself, if he waits till 19 I guess he will
feel better if he is kept away from her, it is thought she has bewitched him
as near as it can be done, good for nothing but I should love to see her
witched & ^{to be very angry if it was} very melancholy accident occurred at Barbanks mills
a mile above here last Sat. eve. Mr. Holis Lockman's oldest son aged 14 went
to cross the river on the boom & fell off, and altho his father & Uncle were
there in about 2 minutes, he had sunk & was not found till next morn-
ing his father heard the splash of the water when he fell in & the dog yelped a
fully, & he immediately started & run, & found Burbank hanging from his
own horn not 20 feet off, I should think as from my house to the brook
Mr. J. saw his hand strike at the boom just before he got there the river was

West Boscowen Aug. 15th 1849

My dear Sister Juliette

A pedler has just given me a call with you can guess what just what every trunk pedlar carries & it has interrupted me some I almost hate the sight of one coming in

I fear that by this time you begin to think me almost forgetful of you but I plead not guilty I have been made truly glad by the receipt of your letters & hope you will continue to be as good as to write 2 or more to my one for it is very difficult for me to get the time, I often have a letter in my mind, but my hands are about something else than putting it upon paper James is rather a tender child, & his Father is so afraid of his crying that when he is at home it is next to impossible for me to do anything if he does, for rather than have him cry he will leave all & take him, & you know it would answer for him to neglect his business, so I have to leave all & attend to him, Mr. thinks he has to large a head, & fears the dropsy if he cries, or hurts it, & it makes a slave of me & him to, at home, I feel some afraid of it, but don't think it will hurt him if he does cry some, Catherine used to say "he was a real old Betty about his children, so different from what she ever thought he would be". I have not hired a days work done this summer, nor been visiting only to ride down to Mother As & stop a little while twice, dear Fluppa is going the way of all flesh, we see no chance whatever for her I went down with James about 2 weeks since I could see that she had feebled a good deal since I saw her before, consumption thou dread destroyer how many fall by thy power! she is trying a new nostrum & has a good deal of faith in it, but we have not. I wish it might cure her

I have so much to write I hardly know what to take first, but guess will
begin & go on in the order of events, the last week in July a young lady came from
Manchester sick with small pox, she acted like a dune about it, knew she had
been exposed, but would not be vaccinated, her sister was, & had the varioloid, she
was broken out with it when she came, but told no one that she had been exposed ^{to it},
sent for Herring & Robinson of S., & they sent to Sandborton for a Dr. to tell what
was the matter, & he said it was Sp., then she said "she should die" & die she did,
in about 2 or 3 weeks, for the last 5 days she lived they gave her only cold water,
how think Daniel would have come out if he had been treated so, I wish
you could have seen the bustle C. made, you would have thought all
of the town were going to die with Spox, got one of the selectmen to appoint him
vaccinator general, & we have heard he talked of suing Nath. for vaccina-
ing those who wanted he should do it because the town had appointed him,
spox, & had no site to vaccinate one the town had appointed him
by the way Mr Tanforth the select man only told him he had better vaccinate
a few families in the immediate neighborhood, to say he vac. 300, the usual
fee is 25cts, I never have heard of but one that he did taking, & that was his
own child, N. has had grand success, I should think he had vac near 100, &
a good many of those that C. had professed to do, I should like to tell you
more about it but cant spare the room, the fun is C. cannot collect a cent
for the law says they must have a written license & vac only those who never
have been before, but he did vaccinate & re-vaccinate all he could get
even those who had been a no of times before, no one took the small pox.

Last Spring when Mr. Litz Henry Boyden moved to Providence he let
a man by the name of Brown into his house, at the moderate rent of
36 dolls ^{a year} for house & garden, & the last never good for anything even in usual
wet seasons, Mrs L. asked Mrs B. what sort of people they were, she replied
they did not know, it did not concern them what they were, they came
& not a very good name followed them, Boyden's folks sold them a lot of
old furniture for more than new would have cost them, & made them
house money for rent & what he should work for Exp. B. he was to take

his pay out of the store for, so you see they had got at arranged to get ^{to} pay no money, all went on well for about 3 m, when Boy took a notion his cows were milked, also some of the other neighbors, Boy laid it to Brown, & I don't think you ever saw so mad a fellow, he sold every thing off as fast as he could, & in less than a week had cleared ⁴ in debt to Boy, 18 dollars, & just at the heyning of haying, which he was engaged to do for the Boy, he said he was going to Lowell, we kept on good terms with him, & that made the Boy mad with us, but we did not choose to have such an enemy as we feared he would prove, did not want to call out some night to have a knife plunged into him or a ball put through his head, & then no one would know what would become of a, & we knew of no reason to be other than a friend to him, we had not seen a thing that was wrong in him, he went off Thursday, & ^a week from the next Sat. night Boy's store was robbed of somewhere from 100 to 200 dollars worth of goods, & money, they went to Boy's barn & took a ladder from the snow, brought over here, had you know to cross the bridge & pass 2 houses, put it up to one of the chamber windows to the store, got it up & fastened it up with a bowie knife, which they left, & took what they wanted & left, next morning they stood the ladder, & the window open, & what light goods could be taken, all the raisins & peaches &c, gone, B. said he should not throw away good money to find bad, & so did not offer a reward, sent to Lowell to see if any body got a horse & carry them that night, about a week before the store was robbed, Daniel Webster's mansion house at Franklin was robbed of a mattress bed, & a lot of silver, ^{Monday 16th} the Taylor who lives in his farm house & carries on the place offered a reward of 50 dollars for the detection of thief & the property, Brown married Taylor's daughter very much against her parents wishes, the Sheriff in searching for Webster's goods got track of Boy's, & just a week after they were taken the Sheriff was on his way back with a part of them ^{of Brown & Brown's wife in wonder} he never will get now the whole of them, as they had used, given away, & burned up, a heart & ^{of shoes} Brown had on a pair each of the fine boots, & a wife a pair of shoes & B. had

got 2 pairs of pants, & one coat, cut out of the cloth, driving a large business wasn't he? they say that they came with the intention of killing Boyer in the cover of
bush as he went home in the eve & take his trunk that they were armed with
pistols & bowie knives, but as they got here to late for Boyer, they concluded
to rob the store if he had been made with us, I presume we should have all
been burned out of house & home, such is the spirit of the neighbors gear
ally they are now in Hopkinton jail, awaiting their trial in Oct. probably
will have to sojourn a while in a large granite building in the Capital
of the Granite State alias State Prison. I hope they will reform before
they get out if they don't, I pity J. & B. Taylor offered his daughter & child
a home if she would quite B. forever & she says she had seen enough that
she was satisfied, & has gone home to her father, I think Brown wanted
B. to think he robbed the store, but did not intend to get caught, they are
both young men with wife, Mr. Stew has a child only 3 weeks old, then he
was killed, Brown is a returned vagabond. I had got most to the bottom
of the other page when who should come but Mr & Mrs Kennedy of Fish
kill, formerly of Norwich Conn. & Mrs E. S. Young of Providence the day
ter before son, she I presume you will recollect boarded at Mr. Tillinghast's
at the time I did, it was a little past Eleven & N. gone, a grand time
to get dinner, James is afraid of every body & as soon as any one comes
he clings to me unless his father is at home, & he did not get back till
about one, but I was lucky enough to have a piece of lamb baked &
so made out to get a good feed every one was I to see them & they appear
ed to be to say we had a very good visit, got tea about 1/2 past 5 & the
shortest direct beef for J. the Browns have put up another & larger mill
& Kennedy. I don't have taken the old one & moved up amongst quite
strangers, & they appeared delighted to find some body up here that
they had seen & heard of before, I never saw Mrs. H. till I called there
since they moved to N. Mrs. G. is on a visit. I presume you recollect
the minister's name on the plain is Tracy, he is an excellent man, has but
one child, a son, ^{14 yrs old} don't you think a few weeks ago, he went and asked his father
to marry him to their Irish servant girl, what says Mr. J. my son to an Irish
girl? yes says he "I have been told that my mother who you married was a low
dutch girl," who told you so? I shan't tell for you won't think so well of
them as you do ^{now} if I do, little upstart, not old enough to know that low
Dutch had respect to country, & not to character it has almost upset Mr. J.
Mrs. J. he Mr. J. started immediately for some place in N. York State where
they have friends to put him to school, & turned the girl off, but she says
she will stay on the plain just to torment Mr. J. & wife, before Mr. J. got
back from carrying him, she had got 2 letters from Edward she is 20 yrs. old
now what can be said? E. says when he is 18 if his father won't let
him marry her he will shoot himself, if he waits till 18 I guess he will
feel better if he is kept away from her, it is thought she has bewitched &
as near as it can be done, good for nothing, but I should love to see her
switched ^{he is very angry of his own} & very melancholy accident occurred at Barbanks mills
a mile above here last Sat. eve. Mr. Holis Jackson's oldest son and 14 went
to cross the river on the boom & fell off, and altho his father & Uncle were
there in about 2 minutes, he had sunk & was not found till next morn
his father heard the splash of the water when he fell in & the dog yelped dea-
fully, & he immediately started & run, & Grace Overbank came from his
own barn not so far off, I should think as from my house to the brook
Mr. J. saw his head strike at the boom just before he got there the river was

very high almost like a spring freshet, it had been raining for 2 days &
nights almost incessantly, & the water was so muddy they could not see an
inch down into it, no one knows how he came to fall but presume he slipped
off as the boom was wet, it is where people cross a great deal, it is log fastened
together & at each end, ^{to the bank} across the river, & lays upon the water & passes
& falls with it, Mr. I said he thought it safer, than when the river runs four
feet than it floated from the ends to the middle it is a dreadful thing, to his
parents, he had just got so as to be useful & earn something, & was a well behaved
& pretty boy, his parents are very pious & say they have not a word to say if
had given evidence of a change of heart they could feel quite reconciled to it,
but leave him in the hands of God, that he does every thing right they have
only one going beside 6 yrs old, have 4 daughters 2 older & 2 younger than he
was. We have had a very dry summer never near known so dry before
in a great many years, no rain to only wet just the top of the ground in
the first week in June till a week ago last Monday, it rained but did not
wet through, but Sat & Sunday but it was a soaking rain wet through & filled the
streams full. I was glad to hear you got through so well with your
examination, I asked Nathl. about yr diet when sick & he seemed to think
there was not much choice but of the two evils chose the least if you can
fine, out which it is, it is to bad you cant eat as you are of a mind to when
sick, when I was in Brooklyn if I wanted porridge they would make it
about as rich as a nice ^{baked} pudding richer than I make then only not
baked I used to laugh at Phoebe about her sick diet I thought any one would
almost be willing to be sick for the porridge. I have had company to
dinner came whilst I was ironing I did not get my sewing all done till Tuesday
began it Monday & just got my white clothes washed when Mrs. Burbank came
to get me to assist in making the robe. (A cold shower of rain to mend so
must stop) and bab. of course must stick close to me so it did not get
done till near night — You said I must not call him bab. but how
my greatest term of endearment is "lovey dovey" can you beat that — I
am expecting C. here to spend her vacation that commenced last Sunday &
I look for her every day hope she will come tomorrow — Mr. Newhall
wife & children 3. spent the 4th of July here arrived about eleven did not
know they were coming that day. N. has gone till after noon I enjoy-
ed it much but got very tired as I do most every day I have a good deal
of company this summer especially calls & all times a day as well as
nights, sometimes I wish I could have one day to myself but N. business
is constantly extending & the prospect is that visits & calls will not be
seen any. It does appear to me that Currier will get roared up salt river be-
fore long but there are 20 or so of families that would have him any how last week
N. was called to a lady conf. with first child C.'s friends thought he would have
the job & one of them is the nurse did not know that N. was to be there till he arriv-
ed it did not suit her very well but she could not help herself & one of C.'s friends says
she is glad she did not have him for if she had had him & there had been any trouble
they are such odd folks they would have wanted another Dr. & that would have been
bad. C. she was very sick when there about 20 hours & they were perfectly satisfied
he did not think the child would live but it has & is doing well the mother is a
considerable smaller than Maria I should think 23 or 24 yrs old. ~~It was her first~~
child married last year C. has gone into chloroform surgery gives it to his pa-
rents when confined N. dont approve of it much. he has also got an electrical
machine & says it will cure almost every thing if taken in season he elect-
erized a horse with lockjaw last week & in about 45 min after he did it it fell

Friday, eleven o'clock I don't like to write more but if I do not get it off to day have had 2 calls already to day & my sewing dishes are not yet at home. I am smarter, etc. I am very uneasy last night I feel most like a fool to die. It is gone to Fishersville. It has been extremely warm this summer as well as dry.

Barnden
Macton Co,
Mass

Aug. 15, 1849

So write me again soon. I am not for you will not make out the whole of this. I have not spoken with a hymn. Have been in town for some time. I hope. With much love from all. I am. May I hear from you. Not thinking not when you.

Monmouth C. N. J 8 Mo 19th 1849

My much loved friend

Thy welcome and affectionate letter of 13th Ult was received two days previous to our leaving the city for this place where we have since been with our kind and affectionate sister, who I found quite sick when I got here, and this together with my own sickness and weakness is the cause of thy not earlier receiving an response to it. I wrote thy dear sister E soon after I got here & through her thou has doubtless heard how it fared with me to that time. When I wrote her I felt quite smart though not entirely well. since then I have been much more unwell and twice have been confined to the bed for two days at a time, my attacks have commenced with distress in the bowels though no diarrhoea chilliness through my system all day. almost total loss of appetite & towards evening such prostration of strength that they had to apply mustard very freely to various parts of the body, which happily for me brought a reaction in my system though it left me very weak, in one of these ^{attacks} they administered brandy in small quantities which revived me and felt gratefully my stomach being so sick I could not take any food. sister E has also had two or three attacks but they have been sick head ache, and a more than usual

weakness of the bowels, indeed the whole family have been more or less affected with it for although this neighbourhood has thus far been favoured to have very few if any cases of the fearful disease that has so generally spread over our land there has been a tendency to it in many, although some appear to ride about and eat as usual. I have looked at them at times and thought "How differently you must feel from what I do, for an almost constant depression of spirit & sadness seemed to be the covering of my mind, neither did I desire to rise above it whilst I felt, that the judgments of the most High which are indeed fearful, were thus manifestly in the World. neither do I desire soon to forget the feeling. for truly it is not for any merit in us that we are thus far spared but of His mercy who willeth not the death of a sinner"

Our dear brother Philip and his wife have been called to part with their dear little Willie the youngest of their flock, we thought a change of scene would be of use to them and wrote for them to come to us, to which they assented and are now here with their 4 remaining children ~~and~~ brother Rowland & his son are here to day also so that it seems quite a family gathering. and this too knows is almost always gratifying. O my dear Nancy how did I feel the value of these ties when protracted as I have been I had them around me and each one ready to do any thing for my relief, but I forget whilst I have been

recounting my own mercies & trials that my paper is filling
so fast, and I fear I shall not be able to respond to many
things in thy kind letter that I wish to, for I have not been
insensible to the accounts of thy dear Mother's bereavement
mentioned in thine & dear Lizzie's letters (for I have received
two from her since being here) which certainly are calcu-
lated to arouse us to watchfulness seeing that "in the
midst of life we are in death": will thou please give
my kind love to her and say that I sincerely desire these
trials may be the means of drawing her nearer & nearer
to Him who ever "wounds to heal" those who desire to
put their trust in Him. And now my beloved Nancy
as respects thy dear Uncle I feel at a loss to know what
to say, thy own and E's accounts of the state of his mental
faculties are indeed most mournful & truly do I sym-
pathize with you who have daily to witness his distress &
bear with his weaknesses, and yet with thee my dear friend
I can but hope that the fears and doubts ~~with~~ which
his mind is now overclouded will be removed ere his
"sun is set" and that "at even tide there will be light"
will thee please say to him that he still has my continued
sympathy & regard with feeble but sincere breathings for
his everlasting happiness, E mentioned in her last letter the
arrival of cousin R. Wheeler & husband at Elm Cottage
I doubt not it would help to cheer Uncle, she thought
the visit would be beneficial to him I hope it

has proved so, she also mentioned her wish to visit at 26
if she could get her father to accompany her believing
a change would be of service to him, but says nothing
of a visit to us, will she please tell her that
E & myself intend returning to the city in the course of
a week and shall be there nearly a week before my
school commences, our friends there think it quite
safe for us to return as the epidemic is nearly or
quite passed off for the present and if she feels
that she can come most gladly will we welcome
her, I hope however to write to her before I get to the
city. as regards thyself or either of the girls I hope you
know that you have hearts to welcome you when
you can come, I have thought much of our visit
to you this time a year ago. it is always pleasant to
recur to it and I hope if life & health are per-
mitted that we may some future time be able
to renew it, although I am well aware the
change in thy circle would be most painfully
felt, thee has my affectionate sympathy my
beloved young friend for I am sure there is no
easy path, to be so constantly subjected to weakness
of human nature, in his almost constant irritability
but try to "look up for help" and strength will be
proportioned to the day I trust, write to me when-
ever thee feels able it is always gratifying to
get a letter, thy account of Aunt Carpenter's safe
arrival at Elm Cottage was pleasant please
give my kind love to her as well as each
member of the family including Dr A C B. I
hope he is advancing both in his outward profession
and in what is of much greater moment the knowledge
of his Saviour, my paper is filled and I must say
farewell in a measure of that love which I trust
unites us and in which I am included. E A Elliot

Tuesday Morning August 1849

Dear Brother; I hope you feel more comfortable this pleasant morning, and that brother James is better, and Sally well we are all well except Aunt Puth she has one of her ill turns last night, and this morning, all beside well in the neighbourhood Mrs Weaders out yesterday after Maria she has gone in to stay a few days - the cases of Cholera on the increase in the City

Yesterday a meeting of the Church and Society was held to know the minds of the Pew holder, whether they will Modernise the pews likewise to hear a letter read from Mr Barney asking a Dismission from the Church and people - it will be acted on, ten days from this Mr Barney has a call to Preach to the Seamens, at the Bethel Church Providence, Now the trial has come none will say they wish him to leave - The Church was well filled last Sabbath; Mr Blodget preached he discharged his duty faithfully, in a way to inspire no persons feelings, but spoke of this ancient Church one of the oldest in our country being divided - and the situation of the people, should it be closed or without a settled minister for a length of time, as it probably would could not the unpleasant feelings, which now exist, be wiped away

1006. Robert just returned from market sold his load of vegetables, and heard but little said of the prevailing sickness - I will now carry my note to the Mill and write again to Morrow hope Sally will have a chance to send me one to let me know how you are and of herself

Affectionately L Carpenter

Dr William Blanding

Beheston

Nancy

Your very kind favor with the communication from your uncle I have looked over and read with great interest - I can assure you there is no non intercourse law existing other than there should exist between such as are not united in the bonds of matrimony I am as free to talk with you as ever I have been and only long for the opportunity to have a good long chat with you and it may be possible that I may be able to get to see you at your House this Mo. though it seems to me doubtful if I do not get there it will only be for the want of time not inclination nor for the want of permission from Mary who says I may go but when I shall be in New York and pursue my work there I know I will be anxious to get home and I can not make you be without me long a week or nearly so and then if I should do so - what good can I accomplish by it can I be of any service to your uncle and if I get there well I be permitted to see him long enough so as rather not to vex him myself or to turn away with feelings of deep sorrow of heart we have had such gloomy accounts of the Doctor's state of mind & his condition that

has seemed to us that he was but a dead man and the idea
of a man of his mind and happy feelings always to be
but a child both in feeling and action I could
not bring myself to realize to the idea in its
full force & strength - What a apology to offer
for not writing I am quite at a loss but you
must take our excuse in part for our supposed condition
of the state of things at Elm Cottage - you & your mother
are doing a work of great ^{importance} and I hope
that the good Master will reward you
for your kindness - If ye have done it unto one of
the least of these ye have done it unto me, - I
can not believe otherwise than your dear Uncle is
one of the Lord's Children - And that it will be well
with him when he shall have put off the mortal
through the immortal is racked & distracted - Satan
once had such control of Natural Men as
that he could take their bodies & send them so
that some thought one dead - the power of Christ
brought those souls to life - We will hope the best
for our friend we know the Lord is ever the same
- "hope thou in God for I shall yet praise him,"

I must leave a part of this sheet Mary who
I hope will be able to add a few words though
I doubt it some as Sylvia is unwell and Almira was
threatened with something like a Congress chill.

if you will have any commands for me direct them to Lee & Case
New York or to the Taylor Hotel - if you will return with
me I will promise to come for you we should be glad to have
you spend the winter with us Mary has, after wished
that you might be with us once more for a while
if you were not engaged I had duties that kept you
at your home we would insist on your coming west with
me this fall - the journey here should cost you nothing -
Kindly yours J. B. Huntington

4th after finishing the above I went home last evening showed Mary the
with the others that she has not been able to add anything too busy
Lydia is too poorly to render much assistance she trying to feel
little making a change but poor thing she does the very best she
but then again we have done our best in keeping her there perhaps she
she has suffered as well as we would have been served by others -
this morning rec'd a letter from Father Murray all
well Mrs Wheeler with her folks & Father M - are to come down Monday
weather permitting he says - I wish you could be one of the Company
we have done full acct. from Springfield a letter
from Mr Black says they have had 75 deaths by Cholera & other
diseases most by Cholera - we have learned the names of only a
few who died by injury of the spine viz J. P. Murray & G. B.
Munichland by Cholera - Mr B. you have learned no doubt lost
his wife - some time ago - he seems to feel at a great loss
let me hear from you at N. York J. B. H.

J. G. McWhorter
Atlanta, Ga. Aug. 1849

Received.
Should immediately

Money

Mr Briggs desire me to accept his
kind regards

Mill Brook. Sep 3rd 1849

Dear Cousin Nancy

Your letter dated february 21st reached me in due time and I intended to have answered it ere this, but it appears as if every succeeding season ties me closer to my business since the first of last March with the exception of one week (which I spent in a visit to Rock River) and the 4th of July I have been busy each and every day, this is my apology for neglecting to write my friends as soon as I ought. I owe S. C. M. a letter and I presume he thinks I have forgotten him. To day I should have been pitching hay had I been able. Yesterday morning I woke up feeling quite unwell and kept my bed all day. Took pills last night feel better this morning but not able to go to work so I have concluded to spend the day scribbling for your amusement. The spring and summer so far has been one scene of constant toil but we are now through harvest and nearly done haying and I hope we shall have a little more time for amusement. I have been to quaker meeting but once all summer the spirit does not move me to go very often although I will allow it is very pleasant occasionally. I presume next time Mother writes she will send me to some other kind of a meeting, but people are getting tired of sending me to meeting they begin to think I am destined to spend my days in single blessedness so they let me go where I please and say nothing about it. I will give you some account of my trip to Rock River. My object in going was to see the country and visit the Seminary and give Rachel an opportunity to see the Seminary as we shall perhaps send her over there at some future day. Purroy talks of spending the coming winter there. We left here on the 24th of June in company with Mr Carns and Miss Ann Carns, they were going out to attend the exhibition and bring Mary Jane home. The first day we drove 46 miles passing through Samanank timber Ross grove

Pawpaw Grove Makergus Grove Inlet timber and the village called Lee center
(a beautiful place). we stopt for the night at a hotel 3 miles west of Lee
Center. The next place we came to was Dixon on Rock River this place
I did not like it looks old and ugly from here we went up the River
passing through some most beautiful scenery the river winding along
within a few feet on our left and the lime stone towering almost over
our heads on the right the road so narrow that two teams can not ^{pass} ^{at a}
in places. These rocks put me in mind of the ride you I and others
took to the banks of Mad River before we left Springfield.
8 miles from Dixon we came to Grand tower on the west side of the river
here are some beautiful private dwellings. At this place we left the
River and one hour drive brought us in sight of Mt Morris although
it took us near an other to reach it. Mt Morris is right out on
the open prairie three miles from timber and it is a beautiful place.
The only fault I could find with it was that there was no stream
of water near it. We reached here in time to attend the examina-
tion of the botany and mental Philosophy classes. next day thier yearly
exhibition took place. I was delighted, the ladies and gentlemen did well
and the music was the best I have heard in this state. Friday morning
left for home which place we reached on Saturday afternoon in good
health and fine spirits.

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The next week brought 4th July well course Nancy began to wonder
what kind of a meeting cousin attends on the fourth as he attended quaker
meeting in 4th 48 well I must tell you. About 7 o'clock I joined Mr Budd
at his house and we went 8 miles down the river to the house of Mr
Rood where we met Miss Anne and Mary Wyman as we had found it rather
dull riding without ladies we concluded to take these up having done
so we turned our course towards Newark, here we stopt at the house of
Mrs Booth and there witnessed By the Rev Mr Bibbors Mr Albert
Rood united in the holy bands of wedlock to Miss Pamela Booth
after partaking of the refreshments We went over to Lisbon and

joined the Sons of Temperance in celebrating our National birth Day. The sons made quite a display with their banners regalia. The dinner was good considering the circumstances. Take it all together it was a pleasant day. We returned as we went and reached home about 9 o'clock. I will leave you to find out who the ladies are if you don't find out before I will tell you when I come east.

I was much amused with your account of your Brother's pigs, if his pig weighed 354 lbs what does his hog weigh, a 360 pig is called a good hog although we hear of them that weigh from 500 to 700 lbs. Murray and I shall have 40 hogs to slaughter this winter. Wheat has again partially failed. We sowed 65 acres last spring and only cut 32 wheat raising is poor business. Corn looks fair to be good we have 37 acres probably yield 1500 bu. We intend hereafter to raise more corn hogs and cattle and less wheat than we have done. If I were only within reach I would sell to your Brother for much less than he gives them. If he were here he would think we were poor farmers and I presume we should starve if we had to farm in New England. But I am glad we do not have to make fish pies.

I presume you have learned that Alfred is about to quit farming and it is high time as he will never make a good farmer. Since Aunt Rachel's arrival he has determined to go South with her. You were certainly right in concluding that he has lost his heart. He has been very attentive to Miss S. Gale for over two years, but I think if he goes South it will fall through but perhaps I am mistaken. The cholera has been doing dreadful work in some parts of our country. Aurora has lost about 30 of its citizens a large number for so small a place. It is now on the decrease and I hope ere long the country will be free from it. We have not been to Chicago for of getting it. I believe Alfred starts tomorrow. But I must stop and go and see about getting a machine to thresh so we can go next week. You may write as often as you please as I love to hear from my friends.

Mother and Sarah join me in much love to Uncle and send a shiver for your self. I remain your friend and
John R. Bullard

From John D. Bullard

New York June 24/32

Dear Sir

Shawmut June 30/32 1832

Providence Sep. 18. 1849-

My dear Sister Judith -

I really do not think I improve much, at least, in promptness of writing - you perceive by the date of this that I am decidedly past the first of the month - I cannot remember the date of my last letter but remember perfectly well where I finished it. I was nearly out done with my school & the Sat. after school closed went home, & went with the determination to eat & sleep as much as I wished, the eating part I had not been deficient in before, but when I had not slept enough I would say, but this I can say, I never suffered so with being sleepy in my life. I notified father, who was not well, that he was to go to New Hampshire with me the next week after my school closed, but he did not get ready to go & after waiting till I had been out of school two weeks I started for Sussex - went to Pawtucket Wednesday eve, where I passed the night at Abner's & started the next morning in the Cars for Boston soon after starting the rain commenced falling & it rained incessantly till just before I stopped at Susan's room - I stopped two hours in Boston but passed it all at the Depot, by the way, the evening that I was at Pawtucket I purchased some notions muslin for you an apron & for my little namesake a sack, which you will please present in my name & some trimming for your dress - I could only get one piece of ambroid silk, brocade & sent some other fashionable trimming, I cannot say how exactly I matched the colours as silk & woolen these so differently in the evening - I hope they are near enough to answer - I suppose Nancy wrote you about them I hope they have arrived or will do so before this. When at Attleboro Mr. Musson came into the cars & I had company to Boston at Rosegreen Depot there he met me - Susan was nearly sick & did not go to be quite well till about the time we parted - She however was so as to go to Fisherville & pass the week with me at Mr. Kearney's - father came up the Thursday after I went passed the first night at Mr. Ship's & came to Susan's the next morning, I passed one day there with the & all the family - I cannot tell you how much I miss you & Kate - I visited her grave, the cypress, myrtle & root of mint which was planted by mistake & some caryophyll, white were growing upon the grave the roses were dead & whether the hyacinths were living of course we could not tell - there were six graves ranged side by side & all so new!

it made my heart ache to think of poor Happy for we have every reason to suppose her body will be loosed there before the snows of another winter shall have left the house when we returned she came with us, she felt so anxious to try the change that the Dr & all consented & with us advised to it, but the air did not agree with her altho she bore the journey & did not seem to be seriously injured by the change, yet she could bear but wine at home, & here she did not ^{now} ~~now~~ ^{improve} her appetite improve till the last day she was here, for brother Abram took her home last Wednesday, we left there the previous evening came to Newbury, then to Worcester then to Pawtucket where we passed the night at cousin Benson's & home the next morning. I got Dr De Wolf to see her, he said there was no help or hope for her, & I felt I was robbing the family at home by her remaining, I went to P. V. Stearns Tuesday night with her, sister M. took her there & the next morning A. & she started for home via Boston in that city, at took her to an artist & had her Daguerrotype taken, they had none at home they got a very good one. I put A's things into her trunk & put into his valise turnips, tomatoes, sweet corn, oysters, smoked fells but, & peaches, to try if they would not tempt her to eat at home & the last of this week they intend sending her a box of steady apples, she enjoyed the fruit much. When I left Susan's, Blansing was that day attacked with a bowel complaint which terminated in dysentery - he has been extremely ill, but yesterday Esq Boyce came down & told me he was better, I wrote a line saying his disease was checked if it did not return, but the doctor was sick with a fever, poor Susan feels badly. Mrs. Key is with her. Mr B. says the Dr is very sick Susan did not say so, only that if he was not better soon she wished some of the family to come up. Dr Rochester from the plain attends him.

When brother Abram was up he made arrangements to move to Fisherville & go into practice with Dr Fargant, the Dr says if he will come he shall have one third the first year & if they like after that he will take him into full partnership - poor Kate used to say if Abram could settle there she should be perfectly happy - he probably will & have the mournful pleasure of beautifying her grave - Susan promises to write soon. A. is trying to sell where he is & hopes to go in about three weeks we feel sorry to loose him because but think the chance a good one, the place is growing rapidly - there are certainly twenty houses now to one when I was there five years since & I think more than that. When I returned I heard

that Caroline Hunt was sick a slow fever but she seemed better & the
Sat. after I returned Mr. W. took her into the City, this day one week I went
there & passed the noon sat with her all the time, when the bell rang
for dinner she said she wanted to go too, she was hungry - I heard nothing
from her thurs. & frid. I called to see how she was, she was so sick that
she said not wish to see any one unless it was her Grandmother, who came
in that afternoon, she even refused to see Rev. B. Blanding who had been
in & sat with her some early day till then - that eve I walked out home
& did not return till Sabbath eve when she I came there & watched, see heard
by father that she was worse Saturday - I found her perfectly delirious, at
work all the time hands & eyes constantly in motion begging to go home
& not knowing any one, only for a moment occasionally - she slept none
that night or the next day till between seven & eight at eve. when she fell
asleep having been awake about forty hours, she has slept occasionally ever
since, but is delirious when awake Grandmother & Sarah Ann are there all
the time - yesterday Josiah came but could stay only two or three hours
she had asked for him often & just before he left she seemed to know
him, put her arms round his neck & kissed him - he hopes to come again
in a few days - she is extremely sick, yet the Dr. thinks there is a chance for
her recovery - you will have a letter written upon the run but I want to
send it tonight - yesterday Sally Moors goods & chattels were removed at
Mr. Needles's store to take their departure for Phil^a. today is a week since she
first spoke of going - Uncle hears it better than we expect - it was her
own proposition & I think Uncle will be more happy after she is away
than for a long time, he has taken Nancy into favour again, & he will have
a companion which he has not had much since he expelled Nancy - we
are much pleased that she has made the move, for Brother Tom was deter-
mined to go if she remained - Now all this is not so strange as what
am about to tell & that is that Sally A. Gray was married last Saturday.

I presume the girls have told you how she was previous to her mother's death
it seems she had got all her sewing done up before that, & soon after her mother
since a Missionary arrived from the West to carry her off as bride, whether
he has had fits I know not, but certainly think he gives evidence of being
deranged - she has not had a fit since her arrangement & Maria says
seems more as she was when at Warren at school than she has ever seen her
since - now what I think will come next? I forgot^{here} his name & have heard so
much else to occupy my thoughts, that have not enquired his location she he
came acquainted with him when at the West - Mr. Berrey has left Lehigh

He is preaching for the present at the Bethel in this city & Mr. Bernon is going to Leekhook to preach for a time. I do hope he will be able to preach & they will settle him. Mr. Leavitt has not returned & the house is only opened as I go in occasionally & I am boarding around - along up my visiting for the winter am in the same school in Benefit St. Shall be glad to see my old minister they are to return next Monday - I have been up & sat with Corie while they ate dinner - she of course looks worse, but I hope may recover poor grandmother! she can hardly feel reconciled to the suspension -

Wm. G. W. Blanning,

Care of A. Furman P. M.

Camden,

Madison Co.

Ms.

Rev. A. L. C.

Father is much better than when I left school - our family have certainly been very kindly dealt with by our Heavenly Father, O! that we had a heart to praise him as we ought - they feel almost as if they had nearly as much as they can do now - Aunt Riggs - Aunt Carpenter is with Aunt Ruth in Leekhook - Uncle says she will go south again - I have scarcely seen her since she returned from the south - I have a letter from Jeff a little time since he spoke of writing to you - Isaac seems to be looking south - Do let me have a letter as soon as you think I deserve one & a little before if you please - may health & every blessing attend you - If there is any thing worse in the family I will write I love you & ever at once

Rehoboth Mass. Sept. 17th. 1849.

Mrs. Pike & Mrs. Church;

Esteemed Friends,

Some time since my Uncle received a letter from Cousin Willot R. Murray saying he had forwarded to him a small package by you to Boston and two weeks since my Father being in that City endeavored to call upon you but not finding the residence of your son in law Mr. Hall he called upon him at the Bank when he learned you were absent from town & he consequently returned home that morning; — and as it is not convenient for us to call upon you again, we would thank you to forward the package by express to the care of Weedon & Peck Providence R.I. — we are four miles East of the City, but some one of the family are almost daily in the City & if sent as above directed we can easily obtain it. — many thanks to your kindnefs for taking charge of it. — I fear it may have given you trouble & may cause you more. —

When I learned you had arrived in Boston I felt like I could not be denied giving you a call but circumstances have rendered it impossible such is the state of my Uncle's health & I would urge you to give us a visit but the same cause might prevent my spending any time with you as I am almost entirely confined to his sick chamber. — I know not a pleasure I could enjoy with greater zest than to see some of my kind Illinois friends — having partaken so largely

of Mrs. Church's kindness & hospitality when I visited Chicago
I would be most happy to return the same; and I certainly
should be pleased to see you & enquire particularly of Cousin
Caroline & her little family which has increased some since
I left her pleasant home — as also of other friends & acquaintances

About the time of your arrival in Boston we were
pleased with receiving a short visit from Mr & Mrs. Wheeler of
Mobile Ala.

The package was
received before this
was ready for the Office

From Univ. Sep 17 1849

My Dear Uncle,

Vacation has passed and I am again
hard at study - I did not mean to have vacation pass
without coming again to Rehoboth to see you & the other
friends - but the physicians told me I must go on the shore
to recruit my strength & so the vacation has passed without
my seeing Rehoboth. Still I shall soon be out on Saturday.
The last from home was from Sister R. which I send
in company with a piece of Prairie hen skin sent
by the hands of Mr Church from Chicago -
when I saw on last Friday evening -

I must close by hoping to hear from you soon

Yrs affectionately
J. A. Munroe

Saml J. O. Murray
Providence R. I. Sept
17th. 1848 - Recd the
same

Dear Uncle - I suppose Brother A. will be home today & tell you
how Caroline was yesterday - she remained much the same
ie, in constant motion jerking all over till about eleven o'clock
when she became a little more quiet, but far from still &
remained so during the most of the night occasionally she
was a good deal convulsed - she appeared to doze some of the
time but was in constant motion & trying to talk, two or three
times I think she slept for a moment at a time since then
she has slept quite a little nap, soundly & perfectly quiet
but woke in a fright & screamed loudly - she has lain still
since she woke, it is a relief to see her still if she is no better
lest evening she appeared more conscious, than for many days.
Josiah came last eve. but she has not appeared to notice
him - her pulse are good & she has taken nearly a cup of
chicken tea during the night besides a little gun arabic
water & a little arrow root. You may cease this or not to
Uncle, she has made water twice during the night & she
had not before for 36 hours, she made a large quantity
about eleven o'clock & again about five last eve she put
her tongue out for the Dr. this she had not done for some
days - She looks dreadfully & yet more like herself than I
should suppose she could - I watched again last night. Maria
seems to feel it to be a great comfort for me to be here - I am going
away directly to take a good sleep - do not expect to stay here
tonight. Carrie is beginning to jerk & draw again - I wish
Nancy would dance in my scissors by father, & let me
know if you hear from Dr. Key. If our crab apples are nice
father would take half a peck to Mrs Sprague at
foot of meeting St. the door by the side of Mutealy Dentist

she wants to buy half a peck if they are nice. A. can tell you
better about Polly going than I can - I imagine this will
be rather sleepy - I have just sent an excuse to Mr
Bishop for not attending the teachers meeting - love to
all & a large share will be for you & your family from your
affectionate niece E.

Which has sent this morning for by telegraph for Maria D. &
the children they will be here this evening

From E. D. B. - J
Ann Sept 21st 1844
Recd " " "

My dear Elizabeth

Dear Cottage

New York Sept 24, 1849
My Dear Sir

Contrary to my expectations I
am still here and shall not leave for home
before tomorrow evening I had nearly as
much business to attend for others as my
self some of which I shall get some thing
for attending to I am truly sorry I cannot
just comply with your kind request to pay
you a visit nothing would please me
more but it seemed to me duty required
I should not enjoy the privilege of a visit to
you should it please God to continue us here
on earth till another season I hope then
certainly to visit you and will then I
trust have time to spare to make a visit of
a week or more — but if the good Master
calls either of us before then why may we not
anticipate more joy & greater happiness at
meeting beyond Jordan's life where old age is put
away & the young are matured where the cares & trials
of life are all over & the Children of God
are for ever at rest and united with those
who have left the earth before us My soul fills
with these thoughts and my desires go out in

earnest longings of heart to be there & why
should my friend doubt do you not
believe Christ why need you hesitate
look to Christ trust him Confide in him
he is the Lord & the Savior the Strong tower
to which we may flee & be safe -
you do trust & why let not your trust
be on him who is the only hope
for lost man — My prayer is
the Lord lift up the light of his countenance
upon you and the Lord give the peace

With regard to the business matters
I have to say that I made the remittance
to Phil & I have a letter from A. P. Jackson
saying the sum was to your credit —

Very affectionately

J. H. Mattings

I forgot to say that I would
leave for home tomorrow
morning. We stop for part
of a day at Syracuse
where I have a little business
to look after. When home
we try to let you hear
from me.

J. G. N.

Doct W. P. Blanding

Providence
R. I.

Gen
L. Commins

A. S. Huntington
New York, Sept. 24th 1849
Recd Oct. 3rd 1849.

9th Dec 1844

Beloved Friend

Although I am not an interesting Correspondent
I cannot let even a letter of business leave the Counting house
for thee, without just saying my mind often wanders to our
Cottage even whilst my person rests in my Arm Chair on
my piazza at River Side from whence I have just returned
after a two weeks visit, to see after building, new Corn Cribbs
& pig pens, as the Crop of both seems to be increasing.

We have enjoyed exemption thus far from suffering
by the Epidemic in our immediate Circle & with the exception of
the parting with our beloved daughter in law Alfreds wife, life
has passed as usual in our little Circle. But wounds of this
kind heal not rapidly & I sometimes think I shall never more
feel that fullness of happiness I have hitherto enjoyed. My Ellen
retains her cheerfulness & like the beloved one whilst she remained
with us, seems to fill up her allotment in doing good to & for
others. Thou may think I am a partial husband, but thou
can appreciate my estimate of a good wife. Friends frequently
inquire after thy welfare of me & it would rejoice me to be
able to tell them thou wert permanently better. My last
information on the subject of thy health led me to hope thy
disease was less painful than it had been. Will do I know
the depressing influence of physical suffering. The mind will
sympathize with the body, but whilst I write this I do feel
as though ^{thou} wouldst yet have to know that the "oil of Joy for mourning"
& the garment of praise for the Spirit of heaviness" would be appointed
for thee.

Thy friend, George

My family still desire to be surrounded by all of
you, by winter days with you, do not forget
me.

G. M. Justice

Philad. Sept. 22nd/49

Recd " 25th. 1849

Answered " 27th. 1849-