Monday 14th July 1844

Having so filled my Sheet on Saturday as to require an envelope for its address. I have preferred a postponement for one Mail rather than send you a blank sheet for a cover. Perhaps you would have preferred a shorter letter that should have reached you a day or two sooner, and have contained an affirmative reply to the request that you ~~will~~ earnestly pressed upon the attention of your Mother in your last letter. and you may be somewhat disappointed that I have covered a whole sheet without recurring to the subject. But I have not intended to pass over your application without notice, having rather availed myself of the occasion to suggest certain considerations ~~incidently produced~~ not entirely disconnected with the origin and consequences of your solicitude in this matter.

It is painful to Parents to separate themselves from their children and they only know the anxieties incident to such separation. Your parents and all our little ones would like to greet Henry and welcome him to our ~~family~~ circle. and with this reciprocal desire for a reunion why should not Henry be with us. This is the inquiry of your Brothers & Sisters. and they or you may not be as well satisfied at the present moment with any reason that suggests itself to you, as I might with your own if its necessity. — — It is certain that at no very remote period you will be compelled to act for yourself. if you do not ~~know~~ find yourself under this necessity. and it is therefore essential that you should enter upon a course of training to qualify you for the responsibilities of manhood. to fit you to assume some of the cares and duties which now press heavily upon your parents. and who must soon if they live require the support and aid of their children or of some one or more of them. who shall be willing to relieve them ~~their parents~~ from further anxieties and self denial on account of their children or should those children? ~~Those~~ ~~lately~~. ~~if they do~~ not make positive efforts for the comfort and support of their Parents. . . . . It is with this view that we consented to place you at East

Hampton Seminary as possessing the best facilities for such attainment. It was for this that your Ma. consented to send you into a family of strangers and forego the privilege of a mother's watch care. Consoled by the hope that you would return, with unabated affection and improved in all the characteristics of a good Son and a good man. And I am confident you do not intend to disappoint us. You will not unless you neglect your present advantages and means of improvement, and grow impatient under the restraints of your present position

And now I will observe that I have no objections to your leaving East Hampton on the Friday you name: provided it can be done without objection on the part of your preceptor, although it would be more pleasant and less expensive to come by way of Springfield Stage to Norwich in Company with the other Boys. I will with a view to your leaving then make provision for your passage in due time. Merely suggesting in this place whether you would not do better to get excused from taking part in the first examination, and attend as a Spectator. It must be an interesting and edifying exhibition and worth a day or two's employment at home. This however as you please. Perhaps you may change your mind before this time comes about which you will of course intimate in your letters.

And You may now ask if I have nothing to say by way of intelligence about affairs at home. Mr Bryan's School is now in vacation. Charles is now wading at the foot of the Garden after little Crabs and fishes. Tom has just left me pouting because I refused my permission for him to join Charles in his paddling. Mary is yet more or less afflicted with her rheumatic infirmities, which however does not weaken her desire for locomotion. Harriet is now chatting with her in the door yard and she is comparatively at ease. She seems to think she should be better if she was any where

use but at home. Do you think it would necessarily add to her felicity to migrate to the vicinity of Mount Tom.

Little Sips is patiently doing the bidding of little Bub. who is so capricious in his requirements as occasionally to extort an exclamation of despondency from her, because he refuses to be comforted, arrange his bum bums over so carefully and attentively to his wishes. James has walked up to the vicinage of the Hotels. — Ma after arranging for baking Corn bread, Pork & Beans, Cherry Pies, &c is still bustling about to arrange the rooms which have been consequently neglected and get things in order to receive Grand Pa & Grand Ma who are expected to return this afternoon from a visit to Mill Town. Enoch is cogitating over his Corn hills at a loss for something to do. Whether it is homesickness, or secret trouble or constitutional gravity is the cause, his volubility has left him. his taciturnity has become proverbial. his words are few and far between. and at half past four I am writing at the table in the back parlor, diverted from the watch care of our flock at home by pleasant conversation with the absent one. By the bye we expect Rev Mr Brace (of Hartford) now preaching with us, to take tea with us this Evening. Mr Tappan preached here yesterday. — Three or four of our Ships have sailed and in a few weeks they will all be gone. All our young folks are as usual at this Season, they still find the Depot a delightful promenade. None of them have lately been married. but some are expected to such a visitation so far as inclination may tend to it. This is about all the news and about the sum of our means of enjoyment and about all you could expect to obtain in exchange for your privileges at East Hampton should you resolute abridge them. — All the Family would send their love to you if they knew. I was closing my letter. You will present my respects to Doct & Mr Clark and tell them not to be discouraged

with your impatience, as it will wear off, and you will evince a more just appreciation of their kind disposition toward you. I am your affectionate father

Jordan Trumbull

Henry C. Trumbull
Williston Seminary
Easthampton
Mass.

Pay 25 cts

Stonington Aug. 1 1846

My dear Son

I see your letter by mail of yesterday and have now barely time to reply to that part of it which requires an answer. I intended to be understood as consenting to your leaving on Friday of next week for home. although I could but regret the impatience you indicate at a temporary restraint at your School. I enclose you ~~three~~ Four dollars to pay your Stage Fare & Expences to Norwich. where I will provide for you. I understood Mr Wheeler or one of your Scholars to say that the Norwich Stage would charge but half fare for the Boys to Norwich. — You had better dispence with any expenditures of money for the Children as unnecessary if not injurious to them in leading them to expect to profit by the occasional absence of any member of the Family. —

Your Ma & the Children are in usual health except Tom who is painfully afflicted by a swollen face caused by his bad tooth. which I fear may require the use of the lancet again.

Direct the driver of the Stage to take your Baggage to the Franklin House in Norwich where you will hear of me or some one to take you home.

Take Doctr Clark's Bill for your Board which I will provide for on or before the commencement of the next term. Give my respects to the Doctr & Mrs Clark — In much haste I am your Father

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Stonington. Aug 13 1844

My dear Son.

As the Stage will arrive so late on Wednesday evening at Norwich. as to make it impossible without great exposure to reach home that night. I wish you to stay at the Franklin house until Thursday morning. and take the Angelina steamer for Stonington. If you have not money to pay your Bill and passage tell them so. and tell them it will be paid on your arrival here. — I spoke to Mr Pendleton when I was there to see that you got home. and by referring to him he will render you any aid you may require.

All well

G. Trumbull

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Henry O. Trumbull

at the Franklin House

Norwich.

to arrive in Springfield Stage on Wednesday.

Stonington Saturday Eve May 19th 1849

Dear Father

I have barely time, before the closing of the mail, to write a few hurried lines informing you of our continued good health and condition. Mother said to day that had I gone to Hartford with you I could not have been in better health than I am at present.

I recieved your telegraphic despatch last evening by the Steam Boat train. Horace Trumbull brought it down to the house. I carried it up to Dr Hyde's immediately but they informed me that Calvin Williams' child is much better.

There were twelve persons from Stonington on board the Steamer Empire, which was recently sunk on the North River. Two daughters of Pitto Williams were of the number. The girl that went to Bradford with Mary and the one that was engaged to John Hallam. They were going out West with some of their relations, they all belonged to one tribe. Whether any or all of them were saved is not yet known here. There is great anxiety felt with regard to them.

Father when do you expect to bring Mary home? Shall I meet you in New York and get my Clothes and come back home with you? If so, when? If you will consent

to my meeting you in New York I wish you would either write or telegraph to me, informing me on what day I shall meet you. You had also better send word to Mary so that Prime's sisters can call upon her. We had a letter from her this week and she says that she is ready to come home at any time. Grandmother has concluded to go to Weston and spend two or three weeks there.

In haste

Your affectionate son

Henry

May 19/59

Hartford June 8th 1849

Dear Mother

Yesterday I was eighteen, to day I am nineteen, years old, and I write to inform you that I took the long leap, of a year in one night, in perfect safety. I am as well as I have been for a long time, indeed I feel little or no change although I am so suddenly advanced in years and experience, I cannot even perceive any change, by looking in the glass, in my external appearance. When I came down to breakfast this morning, the boarders all bade me good morning without any expressions of astonishment, so that I begin to think that 'tis not so great a thing to be nineteen years old as most juveniles suppose.

I suppose that father is now with you, as he left yesterday morning. Genl Buel went down to Middleton with him, and not finding a stage coming back that day he walked back from Middleton to Hartford; he got home about 7 oclock in the evening. I went last evening to hear the "Germania Musical association", a band of German instrumental performers. James insisted on my going or I should not have done so. The performance was splendid however, and I enjoyed it very much. — I miss father very much and am anxious for him to come back here, for while he was here I had plenty of business, for one half of the time I was with him and the other half I was looking for him.

Tell him that the banks were acted upon to day, that is partially. This afternoon the Pawcatuck Bank was reported to the Senate and passed. This morning was entirely occupied in the House by the Hartford county Bank. There was a great deal of debate upon it. Two amendments were made to the charter, one,

offered by Dr Barr the free soiler from Westbrook, making it necessary that each Director should have at least $3,000 or 30 shares in the stock of the Bank. The other amendment was offered by the Rev. Mr. Baldwin. It was to grant the charter on condition that they should give the State $10,000 bonus for the establishment of a Normal School. Both amendments were adopted. The speaker called O. S. Seymour to the chair and then descended to the floor and made a speech in favour of the Bank. That speech carried the Bank. It had previously been made a party question, all the Whigs except Perry going for it, and all the Loco's but Brockway going against it. The vote was taken and the Bank was carried by 13 maj.

This afternoon, we have had a rainy time, but it has just cleared off and the sun is now shining brightly.

Yesterday the Bill permitting Select men to license theatrical exhibitions, which passed the Senate the day before, was reported to the House. Seymour made a great speech against it. There had been immense influence brought to bear in favor of the Bill, and had the vote been taken at first it would have passed by fifty majority, but Seymour's speech (which was 3/4 of an hour long) killed, after several amendments proposed and negatived the question was put on the passage of the bill and two voted in its favor. There were 15 or 20 lawyers retained to secure the passage of the Bill, and Seymour said that he should have kept silent had not he met an agent, of those desirous of passing the bill, at every corner who begged him to let it slip through and not oppose it. He said that under those circumstances he should oppose it. And he did.

Is Grandmother home yet? if not, when do you expect her?

Mother I am out of the "Hungarian Balsam" or rather I have but a few tea spoonfulls left. I wish you would send a Bottle of it by father. — I should not feel much afraid of Cholera even were it in Hartford, for I keep medicines by my bedside and go to them whenever I feel unwell. Dr. Hyde gave me a prescription for the cure of diarrhoea (I dont know how to spell that word) 1/2 oz Laudanum, 1/4 oz Spts. Camphor, 1/4 oz Aromatic Spts. Hartshorn. Take from 15 to 60 drops until its checked. I also have Camphor (Spts) which I saw by the National Intelligencer is a certain cure, in the first stages, so sure, that the Post Master, in New York in 1832, provided vials of Camphor for every one of his clerks and post boys and gave them directions to take 15 or 20 drops in a table spoonful of water whenever they felt any uneasiness or pain in their bowels, and although the letters & mon- went to all parts of New York city, not a single person connected with the Post-Office establishment had the Cholera during all its prevalence in 1832.

I send with this letter, one received to day from T. Smith.

I have been to supper some time ago and father knows how little time I have after supper before the mail closes. so that I write in great haste, with a miserable steel pen.

I go to night to hear Green, the reformed gambler, who lectures at the American Hall.

Yesterday afternoon I had a very pleasant ride with Capt. Eph^m Williams, I rode 5 or 6 miles around Hartford. — "Dont keep Father at home too long."

In haste (without reading over this letter to correct it)

I sign myself, with love to all

Your affectionate Son

Henry

June 8th 1849.

Copied

Mrs Gurdon Trumbull
Stonington
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Via New York