

Haycock Tohehon Cottage Feb 11-1841

Dear Son

I arrived safe to the end of my journey, the traveling rather better than I expected, ~~the~~ ground covered with snow; the first day, I was in company with a bride & groom arrived in Easton about 4 o'clock. this morning started at four o'clock, (myself & one gentleman being the only occupants of the stage) passed through one place called rocky falls, & it was rocky enough, crossed the river in a flat reached Bucksville at seven. took breakfast, and at eleven o'clock was comfortably seated by the fire in Tohehon Cottage & although I travelled very pleasantly & did not cease to admire the beautiful scenery, still I am not sorry to be able to rest ~~with~~ ~~you~~ surrounded by part of my own family. I found them all well. - Have you let my house yet. I want to hear very much. & if you have raised me any money, write an let me know what you have done for I am very anxious to hear. Please let Grandpa know I got here safe. Remember me to Susan Rosanna & Mary Ann & tell them the particulars of my journey. No more at present I remain

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Your Affectionate Mother M M Sands

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Dear Margaret

Your letter was received this morning with great pleasure, I do not mean this for an answer but I could not such a good opportunity pass without writing you a few words. this has been something of a holiday to me Grandma's coming then letters to read an altogether I have enjoyed well. but I must go back to your letter when I came to the part where you stated to undress I was there (almost) in the back parlour seated in the corner by the closet eating a cold potato, waiting for you to finish your letter but who are you writing too? Why it seemed you are determined to meet with Mr. Fredericks, Oh how I wish I could see him maybe I will, one of these days. I should like to have been to Miss Bidabach with you. Dear Cor you really must excuse me, for not attending your sociable little tea party, but Dinah with her usual carelessness tore my lace over dress so it was impossible for me to wear it & I could not think of appearing in company without it but no matter I will take tea with you alone & then we will have all the conversation to ourselves. A letter from Charles would be very acceptable I will not explain to him about harpings. I have not received an answer from Eliza Bonnel I am afraid she will not be content with her new way of living although I think it will be much better for Mrs Bonnel. if you should see her tell her I have not forgotten any of my friends but I think some of them have forgotten me. to think that in six short months we could forget one that had been intimate with us. Your gift of friendship was received by me as such I think you could not have chose a better one for if my thoughts should chance to wander from you

a glimpse at my finger will set them in the right channel. I wish you would have a trap set for those naughty mice that cheated me out of that nice cake I think they will do more mischief if not caught immediately but I wish to write a few words to Sarah I think of writing you a long letter by private mail I will bid you Adieu

Ann's C. writes with me ^{no more at present} your own loving love. E. L.

Dear Sister

Grandma did not think it worth while to write two letters & as I wish to say a few words to you I will take a corner of Uncle's sheet I was much very much pleased with your letter. It is so very fashionable I do not know but I see it up boarding house to but I do not know what kind of boarders to take. So you have had a sleigh I have had one to but I will relate particulars took your last letter to the post office Uncle. Lucretia & myself in the wood shed I sat on a sm chair the ^{rest} shaver on the straw the day was pleasant the sleighing good of we started in high glee we rode very well untill we came to the big road there was two sleigh loads of wheat going down to Philadelphia driven by dutchman Uncle went to trap them the horse scared up to the other sleigh they caught by some means our horses dragging the other on both drivers trying to stop the animals in a minute off we went out in the snow but on our jaunt leaving the dutchman most as much frightened as ourselves we got safe to the post office coming back (I forgot to tell you the dog went with us) I large dog came after him he ran under ^{the front of the sleigh} & before Uncle could stop, over it went. poor Jack. he ran a little way apparently in great agony then stretched out and died that was our first & last ride.

Sarah go to the wedding I would but I must bid you. Adieu your mother sister C.

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