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 We reached home

We reached home safely on Wednesday night although somewhat fatigued. We did not reach Charleston on the day we left but stayed at Westbrook. It took us four hours to cross the river for wh. we had to pay \$2.00, being conveyed over in an old crazy boat half filled with water. We overtook once coming home to make us even. I hope will tell you a long yarn of my obstinacy, how I refused to go back when we had lost the road, & how we went over divide & through bluffs & into brooks &c. &c. Hereof fail not

Have not as yet found any coins. Should not
wait for last quarter salary, & if I buy the coins of my people
in payment of my salary they will charge 25 percent at least
more than I could get them for the ready cash. Still I
hope I shall be able to get some some next month,
probably they will not be ready before the, or towards the
last of the month, that is Sept.

You must not work so hard as to make your-
self Sick. This is the month for that...

Phil said you thought of building another cabin.
• have her come up. Perhaps if you finish that you will
• build a shanty it would do as well. I think if
I am able to get some cows, it might be well for

her to go up & assist about the butter &c. If the market should remain what it now is, it would no doubt be a profitable business if properly managed, & so also if you had a good breed of hogs, but you cannot get all things at once, the only thing is to ascertain what will be the most profitable, among various things that are desirable.

I think you may make an excellent farm there, & one wh will yield a good profit. It is not now lonely there this place a few years ago. I do not know how exactly you will decide in regard to the entering of your land, who shall enter wh. sections, or quarter sections &c? but I trust that may be a matter without difficulty, & I suppose the great question is at present to get something to enter it with. The Sub. Treasury Bill has passed & become a law I suppose, though I have not seen it as yet.

The Abolitionists of Ohio are waking up in regard to the political question, & the Philanthropist, has almost come out in favor of a third candidate. The last no. contains a call for the Southern counties to abstain from voting to decide the question, & Dr. Bailey advises Anti-S. men, whoever they vote for not to vote for Harrison, & if they vote at all to vote for Birney. In fact his last no. was just the thing. I do not think that many of the S. will vote for him.

I have changed my boarding place, & am now at Sam
Leinhaus. I mean to try & go on East next Spring if
possible. I do not know as I shall be able to com-
pass it.

I suppose you have done breaking as it
is getting late. I would build a good fence when I
build any to make all secure. Your chickens, & pigs &c
I suppose will be around your stable or shed when you
build one. I did not think to speak to ^{you} particularly in
regard to the rest wh you wanted, your sweet wife, and
also about any thing else wh you need & I will get
them if possible. By the way you had better keep
an account of such things as go into the fire, the cradle, should
be, as it may be desirable to know something

We on all week, that is Mother & E, & myself
we have heard nothing from the East this long while, &
I have not heard from Lelia this long while.

Little Ethelinda I suppose is with you by this time. She
was quite well when we called. My respects to Miss Mary
& the rest. Write me soon & tell me all about your
concerns, & your opinion about matters & things in general.

My paper has not yet come, when it does I will
forward it.

Yours aff. brother
Owen Lovejoy

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Unity June

Dear Aunt Lovejoy

I received your letter dated Apr
22 with much pleasure, yes, dear Aunt with much pleasure
did I peruse it, and exclaimed it sounds just like Aunt
Lovejoy. When I told Mother it was from you, she says "can
it be" she was interested in all you wrote and laughed when
I read the description of your room. I had been expecting
a letter from you for eight or ten months, and could
not imagin why you did not write. I feared you was
unable, but I thought Levis, or some one might do
it for you, if such was the case. I have not intended
dear Aunt by keeping you in suspense to pay you in your
own coin, but I have been waiting to learn something of
the history of those you requested me to write you about
I have just received a note from Aurelia C. Thidder
(a married or unmarried lady I know not) saying that your
^{esteem} much and long tried friend Mrs Cammet yet lives her health
is quite good - remembers you with much affection - often
wonders you do not write her - she has gone to Brownsvi
lle to spend the summer with her friends there, and that
if you will write her - it would be gratefully received
and promptly answered. The above mentioned lady author
of the note sends her best respects to you and your family.
Luther Crosby and lady wish to be remembered. The church
in Albion is very small. they have no preacher now. Mr
Willkins has laboured there considerably - he is at Brownsville
I think. Mr Clark remains with us yet. The Howards I have

not been able to learn much about. William has left Albion
Patterson's wife is dead. Ezra Sibley took his children a son
and daughter and educated them. The son died last winter
Mrs Woodcock now Mrs Billings lives where she formerly
did. Mrs Gilman I do not know where she is. So dear Aunt
Soneyoy I have told you all I know of them. One family remain
about as when I wrote you last. I do not know as there has
been more than one addition to the progeny. Brother John has
another son. Mother has been quite comfortable during the year
She suffers but little from pain. nervousness and restle-
ness are her greatest afflictions. She is very sleepy most of
the time in the forenoon talks but very little comprehends
much more than she says. She retains much of her art
an care and probably will as long as her senses remain. She
often amuses us. My health is such that we ~~are~~ keep a large
girl now one that can take care of her nights. I did it
longer than was proper for me to. She was very loth
to give me up. I am with her days the most of the time. yet I
am unable to lift her much. She can walk out in the other
part of the house by two of us leading her. She may live in
this state many years and she may go very suddenly. Mr
Carter is living I have written you about her I think Mr Joseph
Carter is dead. Uncle Herkiah Chase died very suddenly
this Spring of a disease upon the brain - was sick but 24
hours - he had been unwell during the winter, but the family
did not think him in danger. So death reigns and I would
not have it otherwise, for God reigns also and righteousness
and judgement are the habitation of his throne.

"I would not live always I ask not to stay
Where storm after storm rises over the Dark way."

Dear Aunt I most cordially hope with you, that you will meet
all your friends in a better world where the ties of nature will
no more be severed. Dear Aunt what a blessing hope is? how
it ~~lays~~ ~~and~~ sustains and comforts; especially if built
upon the promises of the Bible. Thus you have been sustained
in scenes of affliction, ~~and~~ when you have felt the chastening
of the Lord was heavy. and thus I hope to be sustained by
the power of God through faith unto Salvation. Pray for
me dear Aunt. I feel the Lord is my refuge, and that I have no
other, neither can I say I want any other. I would like a young
man out to your State very much if I could leave and had
some kind friend to accompany me. I felt last fall, when
Miss Catherine Beecher was getting a class of teachers, that I
would have one if I had not been needed here. I should have
wanted a location near you. Since I have been obliged to
take up the care of Mother I feel as though I am living to but little
purpose. She is not willing I should be out of her room
when at home, and when there I am so interrupted I can
not read or study to much advantage. But if I am where
my Heavenly Father would have me it is enough. I sometimes think
perhaps Mothers feelings had better be sacrificed a little if I can
spend my time in study so as to prepare ^{me} better for future
usefulness, but it is very hard work for me to bear her sad
looks. So I presume I shall remain with her while she lives.
Aunt Whitney was over a few weeks ago - she was well.
Aunt Farwell has not been here for some time. She is well.
I presume I passed Uncle the other day. So he is living yet
at what a price! I imagine you say. Pardon if I have offended
Aunt Hurd has moved from Barrona to Searsport I think
to live with Asenath (Mrs Stuart).

Give my love to your children, tell them I should be happy to see them. Aunt Lovejoy this letter is written hurriedly for I have had miserable ink and pen - but I thought if got the ideas it would be all you would care for. Sibyl and Mary have good health. Betsey looks as young as when you saw her last. Sister ~~eterna~~ has pretty good health. Mrs Burnham and the Dr are still living.

Sister Sibyl has a son who talks of going out next as a teacher. What a glory and he get near you in an exceedingly short time if you please and tell me how you are. Sister is a fine young man - has good health if he goes down like to go with him.

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Care of Rev. Amos Lovejoy.

Mrs Elizabeth Lovejoy
Princeton

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Wm. W. W. W.
Jan 24

I hope you will not regret writing me so long ago and should like very much to go to Boston this fall and visit people of family at Cambridgeport and see you as or help in some way. I was glad to hear from Mr. Dickinson's family and hope your children will do all in their power to make your remaining days happy. With kindest love to all I hope Heaven will smile on you and yours. From your much attached niece, Jane.

Princeton Sept 19. 1840

Dear bro. John

Yours dated the 1st inst, & mailed the 12th, was received last mail, & I answer it by return of the same. I suppose that your communication with Du Bogue is not frequent, as the date & reception of your letters are separated from each other long intervals. We are all glad to hear that you continue to gain strength. You must be careful & not work too hard before your strength is completely restored. As for the cows they shall be ready for you whenever you will come for them. I will get 4, or 6, & probably you had better come as soon after you receive this as is convenient, for if you take them up now they can live in part at least upon grass. I will send them to you & Schyl, provided you will take good care of them, & not kill any of the calves they may have. We are commanded you know to make to ourselves friends of the meekness of unrighteousness. I do not know however what you will do for your house-keeper, as she has engaged, in & starts to day for Greenville to take the place of Miss Waters. However she still adheres to her resolution of going West when you are ready for her. As to the pertinacity which you manifest in still adhering to the determination, to construct, erect, & build a dwelling, vulgarly called a log-cabin, in contravention of my opinion, & in direct opposition to my judgment; & as for the course of ratiocination which you pursue, & the arguments you

adduce to establish & justify the positions which you assume, & to justify the contumacious, & pertinacious spirit which characterizes your conduct in this thing; - to all this what shall I say? How shall I find language of condemnation, adequate to the occasion? Suffice it to say that the entire department, not of State, nor of the Navy, but the entire department of Jurisprudence approves it, & so there is an end of the matter.

If Sbyl goes up, it will be better to wait till winter, I should think, so that you can cross the river on the pier, & come on moccasins. It will be both easier & cheaper.

I do not know whether it will require more than one to get up the camp. You will hardly be able to walk. Perhaps you had better come on horseback, or if two of you come, you can make one horse do perhaps. This however you can arrange as it seems best. Bro. Cune, said the last time I saw him that he had a pig for you. I do not know if you will be able to take it along or not. I hope you will be able to get a team of your own before a great while & then you can have all things separate if you please. Mean while you must get along as smoothly as you can. This I will talk over when I see you. I shall look for you about the first of next month.

I had a letter from Mr. Turner a short time ago said he saw you, & thought you would have a good settlement there - wants me to go to Iowa City, I forget how far that is from your place. However it is not likely that I shall go, as I cannot afford to preach without receiving

Something just now.

This State went for V.B. by about ^{two} thousand
popular vote. - fifty one L.C. in the house, + 40. Whigs,
The L.C. have a majority also in the Senate, how much
I do not recollect. Ind. Sen. N.C. Lewis have gone for
the Whigs I believe. What do you choose this Fall? You
must make stump speeches & get into office. I will
try & get you a cap. I send you two dolls, all I have
by me, Perhaps that will get you down.

We are all well. Elizabeth has changed her boys name from
Wm H. to Austin Willey. Mr. Wiswall is unwell with a cough.

Your aff brother

Owen Sawyer

Edinburgh Oct. 10 1840

First general Epistle of John

Dear Mother Sister Sibyl & Elizabeth.

Your joint, comforting, encouraging, admonishing, advising, exhorting, and informing letter, dated the 25th of August, I received last Tuesday the 11th of October. What its vicissitudes and dangers were on the road I have no means of ascertaining, as it contained no information on that subject. All the letters that I have received from France this summer and fall have come a great while out of time. What the cause is I do not know, but I suppose the blame must be cast upon Ernest-Rendall and the risk takers, as they are the only two causes of mischief now in the country.

As for your Mrs Elizabeth, if it will do you any good to have the result of your letter to, you may know that I felt considerably comforted when I was reading your portions of the letter. It seemed as though I felt cheered and quickened with the comforting matter which it contained. I feel much concerned about the multiplicity of your family duties, and hope you will be sustained under their pressure. You will please accept my sympathy, and my ardent wishes that they may be speedily alleviated, and to desire to see Josephine. I don't know about it. Does he look like either his father or mother? If so, I do not know but I might like to take a peep at him through a glass darkly, but not face to face. You know that the little barmaids are in about ination to men.

Lily must prepare to emigrate as soon as the river
freezes over; so it is time for her to begin to settle up her
earthly concerns and prepare herself for these hap-
py shores. I think the house will be ready as soon
as that. Mother writes that she wishes to come here
and live. I have no sort of objection, only I think
she would be better off where she is for the present.
At another year, if prospered we shall be ^{very} better con-
dition to live and get along more comfortably.
But if you think different you shall be welcome
to such a home as I have to give. We can talk
more about it when I go down.

Dec 15 1848

I had written ~~some~~ much of a letter be-
fore I went down to Illinois, and as I have now
nothing proper I thought I would fill it out. I wrote
to Owen some time since, giving an account of
our journey hither, which I suppose he has re-
ceived. We arrived just at the right time, for
the ice began to run in the Mississippi, in two or three
days after we crossed. We are getting along pretty
well. If we have good luck we shall have it done
in a few weeks. We shall have a good one when
it is done. My special regards to Miss
Lily. I hope you will wish you to hold yourself
in readiness to start for the Illinois fields
at a moment's warning. Get all the good
things that you can, for the perennial fruits,
and fragrant spices which generally abound
here, were cut off this year by an noxious ex-
halation from the earthly regions which lie upon
our frontier.

I wish you would send me some of the
with Owen to get some of the best
which I wrote to Owen about. Let's go
If I cannot get them any other way I will
try and get a chance to print and get
some money. We could get along
by exchanging with David. But I don't
want anything to do with him if I can
help it. And those two years would just
do the business. All things are not possible
I know, but I do feel to desire to get them
very much. These are the things that
are first notes. They will pay for everything
in these parts. I could get seventy dollars for
them in trade but they can't get them at all
I go each down. I have been offered 25 dollars
for the Durham paper.

I shall be prepared to give
you an anti-slavery address when I come
down, as you may prepare for some
thing special. Get all the best and pigs
you can muster and all other things ne-
cessary. I want your little mother. Give my
love to all who inquire, and my special regards
to all who don't. Write soon and let me know
about the open house. Yours
John D. Love

I open my letter to tell you that I shall probably come down
 the very first sleighing that arrives. The river has frozen
 but not - of the snow is gone. - If you could among your
 one a letter it would be so convenient. I want you to
 write immediately and tell me about ~~the~~ what I have
 something for and whether you have had any snow there
 yet. Remember the best, I hope, and the better weather.
 I hope.

Oliver Burdett (Jr)
 Dec 27/75

Miss Elizabeth A. Croft
 Princeton
 New Canaan, Ct.

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Mary Cherry
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