

Auguste, 23 Jan^y 1839.

D^r Friends,

It was in my plan to make a visit to Oldtown in my late visit to Penobscot - but I failed as you know. It was a satisfaction to hear so directly from you as I did by Benjamin upon his return from Bangor, the day of our arrival, & more particularly from Abby, who represents yourself to be ⁱⁿ good health & spirits - your wife looking better than in the summer - Joseph as a fine child - & Samuel tho' sick, we hope not dangerously. In return, we are all well, in both houses - at Hallowell they were in usual health & occupation on Monday last. Mrs Moody gave Mrs Lajpman a little bundle for Oldtown, which for greater security she put into her little basket - this however was left behind us the very first night. We staid at the Waterhouse's, China & it was not until after we had ridden 2 or 3 miles that we discovered its absence - it contained probably a pair of stockings - We have not yet got the basket from China, but it will doubtless remain safe until you come over to the meetings in Feb^y - as we trust

you will a Sarah also. Mary had not returned from school when I was at H. but I met her in the street, looking as merry & bright as usual - they say she likes going to school very well. We are encouraged by a better state of things among us than we have ever had. Last week there were meetings every evening in the week at which Mr Carruthers was present - they were full to overflowing - Many were more or less affected - mostly among the young - among whom were Hannah Moody, & Mary Roby, who lives with us. There were at the last enquiry meeting ~~several~~ 26 others besides those just mentioned. Last evening ~~several~~ & the evening before were meetings at the Vestry - an hour of prayer followed by preaching by Mr Park of Waterville - There is an attention altogether unprecedented also about 2 miles N.W. in a part of this town, on the road to Ladd's Mills so called - school house full to hear preaching - & at their last prayer meeting there were 100 present, more than would be 1000 in the village as the man remarked who mentioned the cir -

circumstance. My brother is unusually
assimilated - his Chh. beginning to awake
We do exceedingly need the reviving
influences of the Spirit of God among us
The annual session of the Legislature
always brings forces & temptations into
the midst of us which nothing but
^{divine} grace can enable us to resist.
In the St Parish also has been more
a less of refreshing - & nearer here
some instances of hopeful conversion
consequent upon the Caretaker's meet-
ings in the schoolhouse near to
Belfast road. He is now laid up
for a few days in consequence of be-
ing thrown from a sleigh in which
he was going to Mr Babcock's with
Anna Lappan - He seems just the man
for certain districts & for certain
people. How do you go on at Oldtown
Doubtless you find more & more
how insufficient man is for your
arduous work - but be not dismayed.
His grace who called you is abundant
& sufficient. Love to Sarah - kind
remembrance to your mother.

Yours truly
Cm Hancock join in love O Lappan

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My Dear Dear Aunt

I have waited long and anxiously hoping to receive a letter from you but have been thus far disappointed. It would indeed be gratifying to receive some token of remembrance from one who now in my loneliness seems doubly dear to my heart. Yes my dear Aunt I am motherless and mother to pity no mother to pray for me in sickness or health. My Dear Mother died on the 6th of Dec. of a disease of the brain. She was sick but few days and considered sanely so only a few hours before her death. She fell asleep as peaceful and calm as the autumn sun sinks to rest leaving a halo of affection around her beloved children. If Mothers have been more needed surely never was one more missed than mine. I have been so long confined to bed that her presence seemed almost interwoven with my existence. She now lies entombed at Mount Hope and will probably not be buried untilt spring as Brother Lefferson was not at home at the time of her death. He is on the Newstock lumbering this winter. By the way I would mention that Mrs Beckett who you know resides at No. 11. on the Newstock has buried her daughter Abigail the past summer the Lord has indeed laid his hand heavily upon in taking her husband and two children in so short a time. Hannah is spending the winter with her Mother and report says is about to be married to Mr. Shaw. Once the husband of Abigail Aunt Chase spent several weeks with us the past fall.

her health is better and she looks and appears younger than
when you left she was likewise here at Mother's funeral she
wished to be remembered to you in love and tenderness
says she has attempted to write you many times but the tears
flow so fast that she has been obliged to relinquish the idea
she has been spending the fall & still winter with her children
Jane is there fitting herself for a teacher in a high school.
Stephens has become a Methodist preacher. Your other sisters
I believe enjoy a good degree of health I frequently see Aunt
Heard, who now resides in Coventry. Abner and Stinson have
buried their wives. I have recently been at Old Barro but
a change has come over the place since you left you would
scarcely know, where to look for a familiar face, very many of
your acquaintances have left and strangers have taken their
places. There are but three remaining members of the church
that were members when you left. Mr. Barnard and wife
having taken themselves out rather unnecessarily
remarking that all the yeasty branches were lopped
off. I suppose they thought it impossible to flourish on
a withered vine. I believe you already know there
has been quite an addition to the church in members but
it is to be feared that the most active members are
not the most humble nor possess the most wisdom
and prudence. Henry Hyde united with the church
and is I believe preparing for the ministry Caroline
is married lives at Old Barro Mrs. Searns is in
South Queensbury with her husband.

So Bates doubtless you know left Old Town some time
since his wife and her mother both died in Dec. Mrs
Godfrey has lost her husband and is now keeping
boarding house here in Bangor. I sincerely hope you
will write me a good long letter as soon as you receive
this write all about your health and how you like
the country. I have some idea of migrating in the spring
though probably not so far west as you are. but still
I should not know to return to Maine and not
see you. How do Sibyl and Elizabeth do where
does S. live. Estlin's wishes to be remembered to
you in love her health is very good she has a little
daughter calls her Helen Mary. my health has been
miserably poor this winter you must make me
due allowance for this season and without
filling my sheet I shall be obliged to bid you
an affectionate farewell

Dorcas B. Sinclair

Bangor, Feb 16th 1844

Thursday Old Town March 21 1839
My Dear and blessed Child and Children (for when I write
to one I feel as if I was writing to all) but this letter is
intended for my Dear Elizabeth as she has directed one
to me and she only and now my Dear Daughter I must
tell you why I have not answered yours of Jan 22
it was received something short of three weeks from its date
I was at Stillwater with Mrs Reed who has been in a most
distressing situation I was with her almost seven weeks
the house was kept in such confusion it was not possible
as it seemed so for me to write and when I came home
Joseph had received a letter from Eliza and said he was
about writing to her and I better not be in a hurry about
writing and as he has informed you about his appointments
and you have seen by the papers all about the border
troubles I need say nothing about it only inform you
he went to Houlton and was there two weeks returned
home to attend the Anti-Slavery and Temperance meeting
at Bangor his health was I think not very good he
left for the east yesterday morning is going almost one
thousand miles above Houlton will be obliged to camp
in the wood you will all have some conception how
I feel about him and about the year I shall not
^{attempt} to describe my feelings but this I will tell you how
I have ^{written} for some days past my letter would have been
like Ezekiel's roll But yesterday in the afternoon and
to day I feel better I always know that the Lord reigns
and that he reigns in righteousness but do not always realize
it but I think I pray that I may I know I am a sinner
and fear there may be and is some sin that I do not
realize for I know God is good and does not willingly grieve
or afflict the children of men and yet the

trouble of my heart and enlarged unexpected event and
continually occurring when I think the clouds are
passing by and the sun may possibly shine on my path
again new clouds begin to rise and like St Paul, ^{say} ~~and~~
trials and afflictions abide me But like Israel of old
I find ~~now~~ and then a cluster of pleasant grapes for
sweet and cheering letter was one sight to Joseph
was another it cheers me to think you wish to have me
with you and now let me tell you I have decidedly made
up my mind to go if I am alive and able my calculations
is to leave here by the middle of May Joseph before he
left the first time spoke very encouraging about my
going thought he could furnish me with means yesterday
when he left told him I thought most likely if he did not
return till June I should be gone he spoke discouraging
about my going soon thought I should not have
any thing to go with But I do believe God will provide
some way in his providence for me to have this wild
and sterile region it seems as if I had been withering under
the curse of Canaan almost as long as God has appointed
for me And now I want Owen to give me some direct
ions about which will be the best way to send on some
things I calculate to have some large boxes and send
one if not two bedsstead 1 Table some chairs some other
articles besides beddings will it not be the best and cheapest
way to send them round by the Lakes to Chicago
or how and what will be the best way how label
them will some one of ^{you} write immediately upon the
reception of this letter and tell me all about it I don't say
any thing that looks discouragement & Dear Lizzy you
ask for News well the great A S and Temperance meeting
at Augusta has been sent you in the papers Ann Farnwell Mrs
Shaw's Deaths I have written I don't think of any but what I have
written it is very healthy here and in all this eastern region

Don't think in the next instant every to my mind I have written

Mrs. Thinson received a letter from you which she ^{is} very proud
of & I don't ^{know} but she has sent the notice of it to Bangor. But say
I am the only one that has seen it I rather think she is
true to you as she can be to any one she is Mrs. Thinson
you and ^{Sibyl} may expect some handsome presents when I go on
one of you enquired about M. Cato she left here about
Autumn with the full consent of her ~~Master~~ ^{husband} she began
to call her Bilhah and I could but think she began to feel
the Hagar and Joseph stood like Abram he let ^{her} ~~Master~~
do with her as she pleased and like Sarah of old she
dealt rather hardly with her and I don't think she will
enough and fawn round like Hannah but keep her distance
This is all vanity but I thought it might arouse you in
view of something better. Mr. Coddling has been here
he is wide awake he is a powerful reasoner but the people
not many of them know enough to estimate his arguments
Mr. Sinclair has been sick almost all winter but his health
is pretty well restored it would not be strange if you should
see him in Illinois this spring he soon sets out upon
a tour to the great west he goes round by the way
of Florida and calculates to go through the western
till he finds a place to establish himself Eliza and
William are ~~going~~ in Ohio Darcas talks of going on this spring
Mrs. Lovejoy is gone to Stillwater Mr. Thayer is older
than to day we are all well Relief Rich lives here is a very
good girl Mary has come from St. Louis is as good and
pretty as ever Joseph is beginning to walk says some
words St. Payne has begun another quarter in the Academy
Mr. Parker is settled in Bremer & Fred Fuller is a going
to be married to Margaret Goodney of upper S. water she ^{knows} what more
to affectionately remembered to Sibyl I don't exactly ^{know} what more
news to ^{write} of consequence occurs ^{hope} to see you in the
course of ^{two or three} months
for Mother E. Lovejoy

Princeton Aug 14 1839

Dear Mother

We were all surprised, and disappointed at receiving a letter from you dated at Quincy; we had been expecting one from Buffalo, or from some point at the North. And why did you take the Mississippi instead of the Ills river? We are keeping house as you know, and of course Schyly is our house keeper, and is employed in domestic work. John is in the harvest field - and I am tied down to the preparation of two or three sermons ~~daily~~ weekly so you see that it is not easy for any of us to leave. Schyly's health is not very good, indeed it is poor, owing to the warm weather, and troublesome teeth. Consequently it will be impossible for us to

go to Quincy. I shall try and go to the anniversary, and Sibyl intends going with me.

You had better take a boat we think, and come round by water, it will probably be better than the stage as it is a hundred and fifty miles, a great ways for you to travel by the stages they have in this country. Why cannot Elie take Edward and come on with you? We think that it is a good while for you to remain in the state without seeing you, and beside it is much more sickly on the river than it is here, and you have arrived at the sickly season, and it would not be strange that you should be somewhat unwell after your long journey, and we should dislike very much to have you sick so far from us, where we could not be with you, and attend upon you. So that we shall &

pleasure to see you very soon. Hennepin is
the proper place to stop at. You can take
a boat to St Louis, or Alton, and then
you will find our coming up the Ill

Dearest Mother

Your affectionate Son

Owen Lovejoy

You have given us the slip with
sure enough we have been looking till our eyes
are dimmed and our hearts faint. We were
so disappointed when your letter to ^{think} your ⁱⁿ the Stone
and we could not see you. Owen has told
you how we are situated so that it is
almost impossible for any of us to leave ^{at}
now. You know you don't allow ministers to
leave their people. And I am not able to go
at any rate. Elizabeth I have not seen since your
letter came for I have not been out. And now
why can't Eliza and Edward come with you and
stay till the anniversary it is so healthy here.

Dear little Sarah you did not find. I knew you
would feel her death very deeply. Am. glad to hear
that Sister Eliza is so well sustained for I expected
it would nearly take her life. Tell Eliza we should
be very glad to see her and dear little Edward. I
should have written to her before but have not been
able. Owen is not settled yet he is expecting.

two calls one at Ottawa and one here. Tell
Celia they had better give him a call a Sunday
if they have not a minute there Love to all,
Sibyl.

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Mrs Elizabeth Lovejoy

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China Dec. 15, 1837.

Mrs. Elizath. Lovejoy,

Dear Madam,

In common with my fellow-citizens, I feel a deep sympathy with you, in the deep affliction you have been called to suffer. But as I have enjoyed a personal acquaintance with yourself and family, and was once the instructor of your highly honoured but alas! fallen son, I have felt that it ^{might} help to assuage your griefs, to inform you that I do sympathize. I am aware that your circumstances have aroused the sympathies of all the truly enlightened and pious in the country, and that this has been expressed not only in public assemblies, but in private communications; I am aware that many of your personal acquaintances possess more ability to influence your mind, to dry your tears, and open to you sources of consolation; that distinction accompanies this influence; they have too preceded me; for ill health and professional labours have conspired to retard my communications. From the day I obtained intelligence of your son's death, I have felt a deep interest in your welfare. I know that you have previously suffered afflictions of a peculiarly aggravated character, and such as few have ever felt, and fewer could as well endure. But your present sorrow, dear, I am ready to

believe, be known only by a mother; and by the mother of an affectionate and well instructed son. It is distressing for such an one to have all their hopes blasted by the power of evil men. But the whole is still under the control of a mightier hand. And to this will we should ever submit. I have since, I feel to sympathize with you: but how can I apprehend clearly your circumstances, or share your grief. I have never been placed in a condition which could qualify for me for so delicate a business. I can wonder how you can endure the stroke, but yet I know one lady who has been called to endure as much, and without the consolation which you have. I rejoice to reflect upon the numerous and very rich sources from which, in the evil hour, you can draw. You have had a long experience of God's goodness and the principles of Christianity have imbued your spirit; have long since learned, that all earthly good is transitory, and that there is nothing true but heaven; the throne of heavenly grace you have found accessible and open to a sympathizing High Priest who is touched with the feeling of our infirmities; your children are not all, cut off, nor are they without hope, or living without God in the world. The one who has been snatched from you has lived usefully, and given reason to believe that he had experienced that moral change which fills the immortal spirit

for the skies; he has fallen while making strenuous efforts
to promote the glory of God, and the cause of suffering humanity, and
his name will live in America and Europe, till African Slavery
shall be no more. It remains yet to be known, what will be the
results of his untimely fall. As however the ashes of the Martyr seed the
seed of the ancient church, we trust the death of E. P. Loring will
lead to the manifestation of all ^{the} instances, may will give life to
millions. If this shall be brought about, you will have reason
in future days, to consider yourself highly esteemed among men.

But I need not enumerate your streams of consolation, too
many have preceded me, while perhaps your own reflections
have outstripped all. I hope and pray that you will be resigned
to the pleasure of heaven, and yet endure the trials of life, without
desiring it shortened; that God will bless you with all temporal
and spiritual blessings; and make you cheerful blessings to
the church and the world; and in the day of final trial, ...
you will be found on his right hand, and be blessed forever and
ever. Your friends here are in renewed health, Mr. Docter
joins me in expressions of sympathy; and you will please
remember us affectionately to your children with you.

With sentiments of respect and esteem,

Yours &c.

Hadley Docter