

My very dear and eldest son for whom I have
suffered much many ways and for whom I ^{have} rejoiced much
and for whom I hope I have been ~~very~~ thankful & of
know how to be thankful I can tell you my dear son
that never was ~~more~~ ^{I so} ~~thankful~~ ^{more} ~~for you~~ than at the present
time and I have ^{no} doubt my dear son that God will
carry you safely through all your difficulties & you
back to him cast yourself ~~and~~ all your cares into his
hands he will as he has been he with you in six troubles
and in seven he will ^{not} forsake you if God is your leader you never
need to fear you can pass through the fires and they will not
kindle upon you and through the waters and they shall not over-
flow you & have safe it is to trust in the Lord blessed be his name
he has and does chasten as sore but has not given us over
unto death and my dear son I believe your enemies will
be like those of the Psalmist they will stumble and fall and
although they may compass you about like bees they will
be quenched like the fire of thorns for in the name of the
Lord they will be destroyed. When you first went out to
great Western world it was ^{a great} ~~an~~ consolation to me in
hoping and trying to believe that God had a great work
for you to do for himself and he seems to have called
you into the field of action & that you may have
on the whole armour of God read the sixth chapter of
Ephesians from the 11th to the 19th and tell Owen to read that
verse in corinthians for the weapons of our warfare are not
corrupt

he thought it one of the ¹⁰slabs had been shot down
it would have put a stop to slabs in Alton but I say
let them live and pray for them pray for them ^{and} ~~remem~~
David How he blessed the land who kept him from shedding
the blood of Abah's handmaids and I do think I can bless
God that my children has been kept from shedding blood
and I do pray that Abigail's prayer for David may
rest upon my dear children and that their enemies
may be brought to repentance or slung out of the
children of a sling. I rejoice greatly that God gives you
strength ^{equal to your} ~~equal to your~~ ^{dear} ~~dear~~
I have ~~remembered~~ ^{remembered} but such repeated strokes would crush your
spirits. But hope you may always consider the very ruin of
head and all members and that all things work together
for good ^{to} them that love God and you cannot have more
than all things give my kindest love and affection to your
dear wife and Child I expected if I lived to have seen them
ⁱⁿ Autumn but God seems to have ordered it other ways but
I do hope it will be his pleasure that I may meet
all my dear children again if not I pray that he
make them his peculiar care poor dear John how
much I have felt about that dear boy left fatherless
when he most needed a father's care O my dear son
pray for him and with him instruct him a

Lucan March 3, 1837

Dear Mother, you have probably just received a letter from me, but I know you will always be glad to hear from me, and more especially when I communicate such intelligence as I shall at this time. I do not know that I sent you a paper containing an account of the revival which has been going on in this place for the last few ~~months~~ weeks, or whether I wrote you any thing about it in my letter. There has been a very powerful one in this place for some time past, and many souls have been brought into the Kingdom of God, and I have reason to hope and believe that through the mercy of Jesus Christ, I am among the number. After resisting and striving for so long a time, I have at last taken the resolution, the grace of God helping and strengthening me, hereafter to serve and glorify him. There were about ~~70~~ seventy hopefully converted, before I trust I was, so that you see it was at the eleventh hour that I came in, and I feel that it is wonderful that I came at all, not that it was not my duty, but that the Holy Spirit was not given away. It is the Lord's doing, and marvelous in our eyes, and to him be all the glory. I felt that it was in answer to the prayer of his people that God induced me, by the influence of His Spirit to

change my course of life. Our minister warned
and entreated ~~and begged~~ me, and prayed
for me as did all the members of the church
and as I know you have done for many years
and I hope and believe that he has in many
answered them. I hope and pray he will give
me strength to persevere in the way I have
set out, and I have no doubt if I do my
duty, that he will. I know it will rejoice
your heart to hear this; but you must give
all the glory to God, for it is of his great good-
ness and mercy that he brought me from
my wanderings, and enabled me to come
to the determination to serve him hereafter.
Pray for me that I may be humble and
thankful, and faithful, and that I may
persevere in the glorious work of serving
my creator. We have a very faithful and
devoted minister here, who labors ardently
and faithfully in his work, and whose labors
have been blessed in connection with the prayers
of the church, with the salvation of many
souls. Christians have been humble and they
have been abundantly blessed. They hold meetings
every night in the week, either prayer
meetings or preaching and the brethren have
a prayer meeting every morning at sunrise,
and the women in the afternoon. and there
is still evidence that the Holy Spirit is
in our midst. Bless the Lord O, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

I shall leave this place for either next
week if nothing happens, or if you send
me anything about it then I will after. I am
John W. E. Lowry

Alton. April 14 - 1837

Dear Mr. Joseph,

Your letter with its enclosure
(\$50.) came safe to hand, for which you
will please accept my thanks, and
give them to your wife, to Mother
or sister.

There seems to be a fatality about
the matter, that we can hear from
each other no oftener. I know not
why I have delayed writing so long, and
I know not why ~~neither~~ none of us should
have rec'd any letter from any one
at home for a space greater than
four months. All I can say is, that
I have been exceedingly busy; but that
is no good excuse. And still less am
I able to conjecture the reason why neither
Mother, nor Joseph, nor Lydie, nor Elizabeth
should have their peace so long. - But now
for news - such as we have.

Mr. Owen has been with us more
than four months, having arrived here

the last of November. He is studying for
the ministry in the Ep. Church, having united
himself with that body since he came here.
He has been licensed by the Bishop to be what
they call a "lay reader" and will probably be
ordained, in Providence permitting, in a-
bout a year to Deacon's orders. He
has not had no letters from the East, and
I believe has written none. He is a
proud-spirited, mettlesome lad - but I
don't like him any the less for that.
He is a fine fellow, an independent
thinker, and with talents far above me-
diocrity. His piety appears wise. I trust
he will do much good in the Ep. Ch.
He needs salt.

Lo has is well, and works steadily in the
printing office. He will make a man
yet - and one of much usefulness. He is
not yet a follower of Jesus, though I will
not believe that he will much longer
resist the influence of the truth and of
God's Spirit. He is a child of the covenant,
"ordered in all things and sure".

Mary and I are well as usual, that is, I am

very well, while she was a very delicate constitution.

Master Edward P. has been running alone these three months. He is now 13 months old. The 12th inst. as a noble mother remembers. He is a very healthy, fat, large child, with blue eyes, rosy cheeks, and, as we think not only very pretty, but very intelligent. He does not yet talk, though we are expecting him to commence, very day, and wife, by the way, insists that he already makes speeches which she understands, though none of the rest are able to do so.

The "Oberv" is prospering - gaining favor daily with man, and I hope with God. So far as I can now see, it has outlived most of its trials, and is destined to live; yet I'm and rejoice with trembling, as I know not who may oppose me. I humbly bless God for the deliverance he has wrought for me and for the "Oberv" - and if I have enabled to stand in the midst of many trials and bitter enemies' tongues from him, may my help and to Him be all the glory. Antislavery sentiments are becoming more and more prevalent here, and we shall soon have societies multiplying all around us.

What do you think of the correspondence between Mr. C. of the "Oberv" and myself. Tell me candidly; and also what our friends in Maine think of it. Is Mr. Cummings carried fair or candid? And is there anything in my letters, unchristian in spirit, or unkind in manner? What has been or is likely to be, the result of the discussion so far as you know?

Wife and Edward send a "leaf" (this is the
western ~~for~~ (horse) glove to sister Sarah and her little
eyes. Love to dear Mother and to sisters
Sybil and Eliza also. When the time comes, I
should be glad to have them "pieces" sisters write
me, if they think it worth their while.
Write as soon as you mind this.

Your affec. brother
Elijah D. Leija

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Rev. Joseph C. Longway
Old Town
Maine



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1836 Mises L. P. & E. G. Lovejoy
 to Miran Bates Dr
 To boarding Miss Marshall 11 weeks \$16.50
 By tuition Edward ^{Ex} 3.00 " "
 " tuition Lemme 4.00 " "
 To interest on the above .50
 \$7.00 \$17.00
 Due \$10.00
 Recd Payment

1837
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Quincy, Aug. 31, 1837.

Dr. Sir:

Your letter of 24th. was received by us, in which you stated that you wished to purchase the whole or a part of the Argus Office. We have had your proposition under consideration, and have come to the conclusion that if you will purchase the whole establishment - debts of the office, and debts due the office, and are prepared to pay cash for the whole, we will dispose of it.

But we are not willing to sell any share in it. We can give you some idea of the worth of the office, debts, &c. by stating that in glancing over the books in a hasty manner, as we have not had time to form a correct estimate, we find not less than \$3000 due the office. The debts of the office are about \$2400. We paid \$700, for the office of the "County Land Register," comprising one Smith Imperial printing Press, Type, &c. The new materials which we brought from Cincinnati in June last cost us \$848. 66 cents there, and comprises an excellent assortment of Long Primer and Brevier news type, with splendid founts of Job Type, Double Medium, Rust Press &c. As one of the firm is not in town we are unwilling to name any price until we may have an opportunity of consulting with him. But you may form an idea from the above items, what the establishment will cost you. The business we are doing we imagine to be as good, if not better than any other office in the State. If you still have an idea of buying, at any time that you may come here, you shall have the liberty of examining the materials, books, &c. &c.

Very Respectfully,

Pettib, Aldrich & Sullivan.

J. W. E. Lovejoy, Esq.

Galena Ill Sept 6 1837

Dear Brother

A Friend has just called
and informed me of the contents of your circular
(which I have not seen as I have been absent)
and asks what we ought to do. He is not much
of an abolitionist but he thinks we ought to pro-
tect the liberty of the press. He thought we ought
to make up a \$100 - and on the strength of that
conversation without making an effort I trusted
to say before the mail closes that you may
expect \$50 from Galena, I stand pledged for that
and we will double ^{it} rather than you shall
want for means to recruit your strength

In haste Yours as Ever

A. Kent

P.S. Mr Hurlbut has just left us -
Another and an after thought. If you cannot be
sustained in Alton, you had better choose a Quinny location
or adopt Quinny measures perhaps -

New York Sept. 16. 1837

Rev. Elijah P. Loring

Dear Sir

I have seen
in the N.Y. Evangelist an account of
the destruction by mob violence of the
Office of the Anti-Slavery Observer subjecting
you to a heavy pecuniary loss & with
threats of personal injury - I trust
that you will be sustained in your
nobble resolution to re-establish your
press & that he who causes the wrath
of Man to praise him & has said the
remainder he will restrain will be
your helper & will cause even this
outrage to work out the furtherance
of the Anti-Slavery Cause & of our claims
to the liberty of speech & of the press

I will cheerfully give you Twenty
Dollars and will thank you to send
me your Paper for the next 12 mos
which I shall consider a full dis-
-charge for the same —

I now send you a draft on
Mr. George Turnbull ~~residential~~
believe at Alton & an Officer in one
of your anti Slavery Societies — He owes
me for freight & expenses of some
Bent Seed forwarded to him by
directions of Mr. S I Child \$6.72 &
for the Balance you may draw on
me or direct me how to pay it

With much respect & esteem

Your friend & brother in
the cause of the oppressed
John Rankin

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New York Sept 14. 1837

Pay to the order of Elyah O.
Lorejoy Six 72/100 Dollars for value
Received in charges on Debt and for
acc rendered - I oblige You respectfully

John Rankin

To Mr. George Turnbull

Alton
Illinois

Washington Sept. 11th 1837

Dear Br. Lougcy,

I know not which was greater our surprise or indignation on hearing of a mob in Alton. From all we had learned we had supposed that correct principles and a sound morality were so far prevalent in Alton that such an outrage could not there be committed against the very genius of civil & religious liberty. But whether liberty & law are yet to triumph in Alton seems to be a question yet to be decided. The friends of liberty as well as the friends of the slave will, I doubt not, render all needed assistance in reestablishing your press that that question may be fairly tried. Should it be ascertained that the freedom of the press could not be sustained in Alton I should be unwilling that place should stand as a reprobation for Illinois. It may be considered prudent to nominate another place. I would hardly say, however, that should it be found necessary to move off from the River Canton would be a very favorable place to try the experiment. You say that \$1500,00 will be needed to reestablish your paper. You know how it is now with those who depend chiefly on the H. Mob. for support. At the present time it is not in my power to afford assistance. I hope to see you at the meeting of Synner & then we will see how things go. There are a few friends of the good cause in this region who will stand by you. I wish here just to say that should the liberty of the press fall at Alton & a similar bill of expense should be required in order to establish the paper again I would be one of fifteen to meet that expense should it be thought best to try the

Experiment in Canton:

We have had an interesting time here in religious things. Not that the work has been as powerful as it has been in some other places, but when we are very needy we know how to value comparatively small blessings. About fifteen we have reason to believe have chosen this ^{lot} ~~land~~ with the people of God - about half that number will probably unite with our little branch of Zion. The increase of numbers however has not been the only blessing which has come upon us - while the number of those who love to pray has been increased, their spiritual strength has been renewed and an impulse has been given to the cause of truth which we hope will cause its influence to be felt upon this people with a constantly increasing power. We are however still very feeble, yet it is a consolation to us to know that God has chosen weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty - that no flesh should glory in his presence!

Enclosed I send you ten dollars which you are requested to credit to the following individuals as their payment for the Observer for the current year.

Henry Bogardus	Washington	Dorwell Co.	\$2.50
James P. Scott	"	"	2.50
Norman Dutton	"	"	2.50
John Lool	"	"	2.50

Mr Parker Morse Jr and Mr Norman Dutton (whose papers are now sent to the office in this town) wish their papers to be sent hereafter to Potridge Point Post Office in this County (Dorwell Co.)

I perceived in your paper sometime since a
request that I would act as agent for the Observer.
I shall take pleasure in doing any thing where
I can do to promote its interests. Perhaps it will
be well for you to put my name ^{on} the
list of agents which, through oversight, has been
omitted. The only use of this would be that those
who live in this neighborhood would then know that
I am an authorized agent; and that a receipt
from me would be good security for them.

In great haste

Yours affecly

Romeus Bo

Monday Morn. Sept^r 25 1837 Old Town

My Dear Son John When I received your letter I
expected to have been on my way to Utica at this time
you will see my reasons for not going in Owens letter
if I had known Elizabeth would have gone without me I
have had some things to send you but I expected if I lived to
have spent the winter with you and then I should have
had time to do all in my power to make you comfortable
I hope my dear son you will be enabled to live in the fear
of God all the day long give your ^{self} up to him without reserve
Blessed are all they that put their trust in him and although
you have neither father nor Mother to take care of
or advise with you you will my dear son find God
a very present help in time of need and if you love him
all things will work together for good to them that love
God so my dear son give your heart to God without
delay and then not to your own ^{you} understanding
you will rejoice to see Elizabeth if I live to meet I have
thought I could not bear to have my dear daughter
parted but the providence of God seems to say they
must part and I hope it will be for best and for
their individual good I hope my dear son you will
be always watchful be wise as a serpent and harmless as a
dove God bless you and protect and guide you in all you
ever write soon and write what you are doing perhaps
you or Owen may come on here after your Mother and
Sybil

I have writing amidst a room full of company
calling to see Elizabeth before she leaves they appear
very loath to part with her how I feel about
parted with her you can better conceive than I could
tell you God bless protect you guide ^{you} in all your way
be diligent in business fervent in spirit serving the
Lord & that you may be wise as a serpent and
harmless as a dove so pray your affectionate Mother
Elizabeth Lovejoy

Commerce St. Oct. 5th 1837-

Rev. E. Loring.

Very dear Sir.

It is truly mortifying to the feelings of every honorable minded American citizen, to learn that any portion of this community are so lost to every sense of propriety and self respect, as to disgrace themselves by such acts as I am informed have recently occurred in Alton, in destroying the Press of the Observer. But the friends of law, and good order have, ^{however,} abundant cause for rejoicing in such graceless acts of outrage; as it ^{will} direct the public attention to inquire into the affair, and thousands ^{will} become interested in the controversy, who would otherwise have remained neutral. I have been more than twenty years a citizen of Illinois, and have some knowledge of its political history, from which I dare to assert, without the fear of contradiction, that there always has been, ^{is now} a slavery-wanting Aristocracy, in this state, who have often changed their names as well as their assumed object.

If we examine the maneuverings of the thirteen slave-wanting delegates in the first convention of Illinois, or if we direct our attention to the zealous efforts, duplicity and cunning of the convention party in 1824. or if we notice the recent transactions at Alton, and in Adams county, we may in all these, and many more which might be named, clearly discern the desperate struggles of this Aristocracy. But I must confess that the preambles, to certain resolutions said to have been unanimously adopted, at a meeting of the citizens of Columbus, ^{Quincy} and published in the Quincy Argus of ^{August 8} ~~September~~ excel in unblushing impudence, and malignant falsehood, any thing of the kind that has ever come under my observation. The efforts of these ephem-

under the guise of Anti Abolition meetings is quite
disgusting, but to hear them talk of 'religious & political
liberty', 'The example of the Apostles', 'secret agents' a sly
and insidious effort, &c &c is supremely ridiculous. But
this committee "me", by a few more such efforts will doubt-
less elevate himself to that distinction "amongst the
nations of the earth" in Adams county, to which he
so anxiously aspires. Do the advocates or apologists of
Slavery in Illinois, suppose that "secret agents" or "sly
efforts" are necessary to protect the freedom of speech &
the liberty of the Press in Illinois; if they do, they are sadly
mistaken, there are thousands of freemen in Illinois
who are not associated with any Society, who are
now looking on with intense interest and anxiety as to
the issue of this absorbing question, and are determined
not to countenance slavery; though they are unwilling
to contribute any thing to the present public excitement.
But the 'nations of the earth' of Adams county have
formed a very erroneous estimate of their own impor-
tance, if they think that the opponents to slavery in
Illinois dare not openly avow their sentiments on that
as well as any other moral or political question.

I am dear Sir very respectfully yours &c

S. Galland

P.S. You are at liberty to make what use you please
of the above — yours S. G.

you will please send your paper to the
following persons (to wit)

- 1 Copy to, Jacob Gregg, Belmont Ohio.
 - " do " Rev. John Lawton, Hillsborough Centu. N. Hamp.
 - " do " William H. Ramsey, St. Clairsville, Ohio
 - " do " Truman Hosford, Warsaw, Hancock Co. Ill.
- Please exchange regularly with the 'Advertiser' Fort Des
moines Mo. &c. —

Commence M Oct 4th 1837-

Rev. E. Loujag

Or Sir you are hereby authorized
to draw upon me for \$50, at sixty days
sight —

yours truly
Isaac Galland

Cleveland Ohio Oct 27th 1837

To Eliza J. Lovejoy

Dear Sir with pleasure I address you on a subject which I consider of great importance in hopes of becoming thereby the humble means under providence of doing some good in the cause of humanity and of favoring your design by rendering you some little service in order that you may be sustained in your efforts to advance the cause of truth and the principles of justice amongst your fellow men, — But upon further reflection I am almost ashamed to think myself capable of doing any good in so righteous a cause — for it is of God and must prosper, — and it will prosper whether I act or whether I lie neutral, — But my intense anxiety constrains me to do what my feeble abilities will enable me — and my anxiety was much increased upon reading your appeal in an extra which fell into my hands the day before I left Carrollton Illinois and which I have with me; as well as several of the last numbers of the observer which I obtained just as I was upon the point of setting out for the east hoping that I should thereby be enabled to enlist the feelings of some, at least of the Christian friends in your behalf so that you might be the more able to sustain the noble cause which you have espoused, this at present is all that I can do in my present circumstances situated as I am journeying with a family many hundred miles from home which probably will be my situation

many times have I regretted that my pecuniary circumstances have prevented me from assisting you in the promulgation of principles as dear to me as life. But duty forbids me to complain and constrains me to acquiesce in the providence of heaven. Notwithstanding I have no personal acquaintance with you and perhaps you have forgotten that my name was ever upon your subscription list; yet I feel in duty bound to make some acknowledgements with regard to your editorial labors which may encourage you onward and help to bear you up under the severe trials which you are ~~presently~~ called to endure. It was an act of providence that I became acquainted with your paper about four years ago. It was by means of a young man from Connecticut who became a subscriber whilst boarding with me and at the end of about the first quarter transpired his right to me for the remainder of the year and returned to his native land - his term of subscription ended; the paper was continued for more than another year when I transmitted what was due to the publishers through an agent and at the same time ordered the paper discontinued as I was about to leave for the Wisconsin, not knowing when I should return, but I returned soon and have had the pleasure to peruse the papers occasionally ever since and in justice to you I am constrained to acknowledge that the firm stand you have taken in the cause of truth & justice and the unshaken

those principles have gained my warmest esteem
and the manner in which you have conducted in
the editorial capacity has met with my entire approbation
and since it is out of my power at present to do
any thing else for you I am willing to make every
effort to gain subscribers to the paper which I
am in hopes will be continued and if you do
continue to publish the observer and will send
it to me to Hamburgh Erie County N York
or where I expect to winter and remain part
of next summer, when I return to my
farm in Green County I will try to pay for
the same — and if you should have any of
those above mentioned extra's on hand I will
pay the postage on one or two dozen or so for
the purpose of distributing where I ^{see} ~~sent~~ it
prospect of their doing good & also if you should
^{continue} the paper I will receive occasionally half a
dozen papers, ^(for the same purpose) should you have them on hand
and send them to me — I add no more
with respect I am your friend
and the friend of equal rights
Charles C. English

P.S. if you wish any information concerning
me enquire of Mr Alexander Merchant
at Alton Doct Berrett of Green — Mr Lippincott
minister at Alton

My dear childrens Owen Elizabeth and John are
you yet alive Dont my dear children harbor any
vengeful feelings towards the murderers of your dear
brother but humble yourselves under the mighty hand
of God that is upon us wicked men and only the sword
the hand is Gods and vengeance is his and he will
repay a lot us leave all our concerns in his hands and
remember if we love him all things ^{will} ^{be} ^{done} together for
our good I could not if I should describe my feelings
God only knows them only I can say with ^{the} ^{best} ^{of} ^{me} I submit
the ^{Lord} has chastened me sore but he has not given me over
unto death do my dear children give yourselves unreservedly
up to God pray without ceasing

Owen my son are you yet alive Elizabeth do write
often where are you your Mother is well

My Dear Son
I can find a son
with you now

Rev and Dear Sir

I received your consoling letter some days since I cannot
tell when for my mind has been in such a state that I cannot
keep a train of recollections upon any thing that has occurred for
several weeks past. Mr Adams when I read my dear sons
letter to Mr Sewitt in the Emancipator he was as dead to me
then as he is now and my agony far exceeded what I felt
when I heard the deed was perpetrated thus God prepares me
for ^{the} stroke and although it seems at times as if the manner
wondered overwheled me yet blessed be God I do feel his support
and I think I cannot be deceived I do believe God is good and is
doing good continually and does not quiver willingly or
afflict the children of men and I believe that in faithfulness
he has afflicted me wonderful as it seems to me that the good
and glorious God should be mindful of such a sinful man
I believe he is chastening me for my profit that I might

be a partaker of his glory
I shall see his face
and never more sin
if I am not deceived
of the idea of being
made truly is delight
in every state when I may be
any more your loving friend
Enclosed in the arms of dear
love
Blessed

a hope so much divine my trials will induce
I have felt for months past that my affliction had not
brought me where I ought to be, I have not been enough
engaged for God I have not prayed enough have not
been dear to the world and have often thought if I
did not rise from the dust and quicken my pale ^{to} heaven
would God would be under the necessity of giving me another
blow and it is a heavy blow so dear Sir pray for me
that this may suffice that it may not be lost
upon me that God would sanctify it that this fire
may purge away all my dross I am not sensible
of feeling any opposition at least only for a moment
at times the tempter ^{has} throws darts into my mind but
God has hitherto enabled me to repel them and given ^{me} a degree
of calm submission I know if I love God all things will
work ^{together} for my good time is short my days I know
are almost numbered & that the few days I have to live
might be entirely devoted to God I have felt ^{as you}
say there is a strange apathy among Christians in regard
to slavery and other crying sins of this guilty guilty
nation it has seemed as if a cloud was hanging over us ready
to burst upon us I have often thought of that ^{scripture}
where it says the Lord awaked as one out of sleep it has seem
as if God could not bear with us as a nations much longer that
his indignation would nose into action when we look at our
national government what do we see even morality blushes
and is ashamed for them and how ^{unwilling} ^{to} feel how should
they be humbled before God and our state legislatures are no
better and then think of the church which is amongst a ^{city}
set upon a hill Christians Ministers not ^{only} ^{laboring} but ^{defending}
slavery look at the general Assembly I never ^{think of} ^{them} without
mentally what the prophet says about the ^{my} ^{signification}
smoke these are a smoke in nose a fire
that burneth all the day & in
an apathy

without delay ^{desired} you kindly to hear about my dear children the last account
we had was a letter from the dear afflicted widow she was at St Charles
wishes she had as ^{much} as it seems in ^{her} ^{own} ^{house} she wishes she expected
Elizabeth would spend the winter with ^{her} at St Charles she writes like a Christian
appears to feel the Spirit of the ^{holy} ^{ghost} willing to leave the ^{murders}
of her husband in the hands of God who suffered his life to be taken
Others and John were still at the bloody City what their
calculations are I do not know Joseph expects to go to New
York the first of January where he expects to meet Owen
The health of our family is comfortable at present
Sibyl is just recovered from a fever the shock ^{was} ^{very} ^{near} ^{her} ^{death}
for her nerves she was confined to her bed ^{where} ^{we} ^{recovered}
of your letter she is now so well ^{as to be} ^{able} ^{to} ^{go} ^{out} ^{we} ^{all}
think of you Mr Adams and your wife as sympathizing and
dear friends and hope we ^{may} ^{be} ^{able} ^{to} ^{see} ^{you} ^{soon} ^{and} ^{hope} ^{we} ^{shall} ^{think} ^{of} ^{you} ^{as} ^{our} ^{own} ^{friends}
toward him I did not expect any sympathy from him but did hope
he would be silent

Old-Town Dec. 18. 1837.

My Dear Sister Lizzy.

The old lesson, that all earthly objects, however valuable, and however dear to us, are insufficient to afford us permanent, lasting happiness is repeated to us in every day's passing events. May we make this lesson a profitable one. But a few weeks since you and I were strolling about the streets of Old-Town merrily, and as if nothing could happen to mar our happiness. And even in this short interval what changes have taken place. In regard to the death of your dear brother I shall not enter into a mournful and lamentable strain, for that, unless it should be for the wickedness of those who slew him, would be no index of my own feelings, neither could it meet your sympathy. He was a sweet brother I know, and must have been most dear to you all, but the consideration that he gave up his life so nobly in behalf of so noble a cause, must, I think, awaken in you the warmest feelings of gratitude that so noble a spirit was your brother. I doubt not that his fall will do much for the cause in which he labored so zealously, yea, more than the lives of thousands of timid spirits, under whose instrumentality nothing can flourish. His mind was of a high cast, capable of investigating the great principles of freedom which he espoused. This he had done with deliberation, and determined on what course it was his right his duty, to pursue. This he did manfully, and with a spirit and determination which will make every event stand in prominent relief on the page of our history. Laboring with his whole strength, good of mankind, and with an eye single to the glory of his Maker, he was cut off at the time. Why then lament his loss? Lament rather those and not others equal who are ready to

his place in the same field - I am not rather that mankind are unshrouded in such darkness that it becomes necessary to make so great sacrifices to convince them of their error. This event seems to awaken an interest throughout the land and I hope it will be the means of great good to all.

Our sister Sibyl was taken very sick about the time we first heard of your brother's death. She was then at Still-Water, and came home on a very cold and stormy morning. The cold which she took at this time combined with some indisposition previously existing gave rise to a fever which continued violent for 10 or 12 days. I am happy now, however, in saying that by the judicious administration of a small quantity of calomel with a few other concomitants and the kindest mother for a nurse, she has almost perfectly recovered and attended meeting yesterday. Mother's health is quite good at present. Your brother Joseph's family are all well. He intends to go to New-York soon, and his family, I think, are preparing to pass the winter in Hallowell. My friends from the Cape are here. They arrived about the time I received your letter. My Mary has come - but she is yet very feeble, and gains very slowly, though I think she is gaining. I, of course, am not yet married, and now know not when I shall be. Their coming and Sibyl's sickness with my various other duties since receiving your letter have so employed my time that I have not ~~until~~ now had one hour when I thought I could write you; or your letter would not have remained so long unanswered. I am happy to think you were there in season to see your brother alive, and that you are now there to be a companion to his widow. Be of good cheer Lizzy - there are better coming yet for both of us I hope. Write me when receive this, for I shall always be happy in receiving answering letters from you. Many sends their love to and thanks you for the book you gave her. Her father mother also send love to you. I know, and presume care, very little about the passing events of Old-Lauri vicinity. I go to your house, of course, as often as ever - pass much of the time there that I should otherwise be in running about. I have now one other place

which I love to visit; consequently my time is divided between the two; for I visit but little elsewhere. Mother is sorely afflicted with the loss of her dear oldest son whom she so much loved, but she bears it with more resignation and fortitude than I could have supposed she would. She sends her love to Lizzy and all the rest of her children at the West by me, and says she shall write tomorrow herself. She wants to see her little grandson very much, and I hope she may yet have an opportunity of seeing him. Lizzy says send my love and tell Lizzy I shall write her soon. I would like now to visit the West that I might see you all, and get a more perfect impression of the barbarity and cruelty of its inhabitants, though the one I have received is by no means dull. The name of Altou, I think, must even sound harsh on the ear of every one who has ever known any thing of the character and principles of Elijah P. Lovejoy.

Write me often Lizzy, and let me know how you enjoy yourself in your new and distant habitation. Give my love to your brothers and tell them to carry onward the same cause in which their brother has set them so glorious an example, and I know not that other course, by the pursuit of which they might obtain a greater reward. I hope the time will soon come when the people of Altou will know that a man can express his own opinions freely and with impunity among them, whether the subject be the abolition of slavery or any thing else. The West, however, is not alone in this evil. You have probably seen some account of the refusal of Faneuil Hall to the citizens of Boston. The government of that far famed city, it seems, have been afraid to allow the citizens to assemble there for the purpose of expressing their opinions in regard to mobs and their tendency. I know not what these things indicate, except a subversion of our government, and this, I feel quite confident will be the result, unless some most efficient measures are immediately ^{accepted} to check their progress. I come not, for one, how soon the form of government be changed, for I know well enough this cannot last, but I would have it done without such sacrifices, ^{as} seem now already preparing for the altar. My love to your sister and her little son, she has my warmest sympathies in her affliction.

Yours sincerely C. Atkins Paul.

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Waterville Dec. 4, 1833

My dear Madam

I thought you would bear it. I believed that your ever-true God, who has carried you through so many trials, and sustained you under so many heavy afflictions, would still be your support. For the promise of God is sure, as thy days, so shall thy strength be. - I take my pen, not so much to condole with you as to congratulate you. If how is the object of your pursuit, that of having trained up such a son, and of having been instrumental of forming such a character, one, whose noble stand in the cause of God and human liberty, must exert such a powerful and wide spread influence, is surely enough for ~~any~~ ^{any} mother to aspire to. - That he has rested from his labors, and found a sure and eternal refuge from the storm that was raging around him, is no matter of regret with him; and why should it be with us. It is indeed a bitter and heart-rending trial to surviving friends; - but if partakers of the like previous faith, they will soon be reunited with him, and all their trials will serve to hasten and perfect their preparation for the pure regions of peace and rest above. It is indeed a fire; - but the more finely it burns, the more thoroughly will the dross be purged away, and the better they will be prepared to reflect the image of their savior, and the more easy will be their transition to the church triumphant above. -

Ever since the sad tidings reached me, it has been in my heart to write to you. With much interest, I review the many scenes of joy and of sorrow, in which I have been with you and your dear family. You do not need my sympathy, but this is no reason why I should repress the promptings of my own feelings. - I had the melancholy satisfaction of addressing a crowded assembly last evening, on the words of Paul in Acts 21-13, and attempted to do justice to the character

of your son, and the principles, in defence of which he died. - I was much struck as others were, with the remarkable similarity between the trials of your son, and those of the holy apostle. - And who can doubt that both were animated by the same spirit, and that their kindred souls are now ever joining together before the throne.

But while we have such abundant consolation with respect to your son, and all surviving friends have so much reason to acquiesce in the dispensations of divine Providence, what must we think of our guilty land? Is there ground to hope that the judgments of heaven will be averted? Or must we all be buried in the ruins of that godly edifice, which our fathers reared at the expense of so much toil and blood? Slave holders might weep, and I should not fear; - the unrepentant would might join them in their weep, and this would not move me. But what grieves and disheartens me is, the stranger, stranger apathy of those, we hope are Christians; and of ministers, who refuse to open their mouths for the dumb. - But we will not despair. The Lord reigneth; and may we not confidently hope that there are righteous and faithful ones engaged to save the nation. - But they must stand firm. - They must not shrink; - they must not be dismayed by all the array of opposition, that is brought against them. -

I have been much gratified with the privilege of reading your son's paper, for which I have supposed I was indebted to the kindness of your son Joseph. If so, I thank him. I have watched with much interest, at the gradual changes in his views on the subject of slavery: - It was not difficult, long ago to perceive that he had the elements of a thorough abolitionist within him; and that they must, sooner or later, develop themselves. - His death has made an impression upon the students in college, and they are lately college meetings on the subject, I suppose the faculty will, if they can, prevent any thing being done, which savours of abolitionism. None of the present faculty were personally acquainted with your son. If father Chaplin was here, it would be different.

Elizabeth, I understood, had just gone to Alton; it must have
been a comfort to your son to have so many of his family around him,
to sympathize with him in his trials; - but the scene must have been
truly heart rending to them, I shall wish much to hear from you and
from all your children, and know how you all bear it. It is pleasant
to see public sympathy awakened towards the bereaved widow and the
little ones; - but it can do little towards mitigating the anguish of spirit which
the event must have occasioned. - But, "there is a rest for weary souls."

Be kind enough to remember me, affectionately to all your
children, when you see them, or write to them; and believe me, in
sincerity, your and their sympathizing friend and brother
Thomas Adams.

Mrs. Adams joins in cordial sympathy and affectionate
regards for you and yours.