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Friend Richards yours of the 4<sup>th</sup> I received the 5<sup>th</sup> I was glad to hear from you that you had got home in good health and found your friends the same I should like to be there and you and I call on our friends and have a sociable chat But as we are so far from each other we must chat together with the silent language of the pen

We have a considerable of an overturn since you left the new volunteers have tried to put down all of the old ones they cant come nady over this child no how they have in the first place turned of all of the old crew but eight they have set Capt Patten to sorting over the potatoes and Sargent wing Douty & Kelsey guards the Bower and cooks for themselves Capt Tool has ordered Patten and I move to the Fort but we have not and I dont think we shall I have volunteered for six months at eighteen dollars per month

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I think that is as well as I could do at home I think if Capt Parrott takes charge here next summer I shall stop. We have built a Blacksmith shop and commencing on a joinershop. We have got ~~the~~ most part of the timber out of the Boom rafted on the shores. Dr Mason has left. Mr Staevens has returned. to keep school he has not commenced yet.

there was a few of us had a fire set down on thanksgiving evening we had some chickens cooked in the nicest style and a plenty of good old spirits you did not have any better than that in Lincolnville.

Mr Nelson has cut his foot bad. If you should come here this winter I should like to have you fetch some clothes that I have to Daniels. We have had pleasant weather since you left we have about two inches of snow now.

I have no more to write at present. Sargent wing Mr Doty and Kelsey sends their best respects to you give my best respects to all inquiring friends.

James P. Adams

Fort Fairfield Dec 14, 1839

Friend Richards  
Dear Sir

By Mr Adams

permission allow me to return to you my thanks for the notice you took of me in your communication to Mr Adams, that is I mean remind you that I am forgotten — I suppose Jones has told you all the news which must excite me from attending any, but I feel it my duty to remind you that I have not forgotten one of the most prominent members of our debating club where such a give or the I — I near Leonard was wont to be made, give my respects to your lady.

When you write to me I shall feel my self honored and will answer according to my best will & judgment  
yours truly  
J. P. Parrott