

Dec 7

Franklin Richards



Mr. Almon Richards  
Letter of Arrowtook  
Via Houlton

Smith & Livell Paid 1874

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Dear Brother: It is with pleasure I take

thy opportunity to inform you that I am well

and hope you long will find you the same

My friends are well and would like to see you

but as many mountains and valleys are between us we cannot  
be constant. But I should like to hear from you as soon

as you get this. I should like to know what you are about  
thy winter and if there is a chance for me <sup>there</sup> next season

I want you to let me know by the first of march

if there is a tolerable chance for me. I will try and  
come up in the spring. I should like for you to select me a good  
lot.

If you can near yours not less than one hundred acre

more or less hundred acre but by one and let me know

by the first of march whether I can do any thing  
there or not because if I dont come up in the spring

I shall go some other way no my take at all

but as I did not mention about Mary in particular

I will let you know that she is not at home

she is to work at Elbridge Carlons in Camden but I

guess she will smile when she sees your letter on

holiday. I will give you all the <sup>best</sup> seats how the place

is situated the house in which she lives is situated about

one mile naming you heart course from the big

square in the village of the Camden meeting house

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It is situated about a half a mile south west from goose  
river harbor lake where there is a great or tabley trout  
for catching suckers the bull frog in that place  
weigh from 50 to 75 lbs against a good 3 to 4,  
but a little more on the subject  
the horse where many lines is a very fine horse  
it stands on the south east side of a smooth  
ridge but the people there do not eat those  
large bull frogs and suckers that I spoke of  
now a little on another subject potatoes

A and near has several new harnesses & Virginia  
collars & harnesses & South Carolina  
harnesses in at hand & total 60

harnesses are the remaining 204 they is the  
way the they have sold us up this year  
let them go it - - - - - got ye  
whip of 10 with the old harness  
we will show you in 44 how the cat

jumped when she caught the first by  
the hind leg with her teeth the devil I  
told you she will I equal like a bugger and run  
for some time when Dick and Johnson will take  
the chair - - - now a little about the

weather the weather here has been quite  
cold and snowy there has been about two  
feet of snow here this winter - - -

was a little more about the folks were  
the folks here in general have been quite richly  
as withan Dennis wife lays at the point of death  
71 John was buried 30 days of November

his death was caused by the kick of a horse in his head  
the winter riding was very cold three weeks ago yesterday

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a little about the marriages that have taken place  
 Since you left Mr Johnson's letter to Miss Johnson with  
 Mr John was with to Miss Louisa Brown Mr Hooper sent  
 to Mr especially Clark Mr Chanty Mr Young to Mr  
 Rhoads Whitney Mr Aaron Dunbar to Miss Olive Manning  
 Et Great publication Mr Timothy Dunton  
 to Miss Mary Has with. I will give you a little about  
 about the Bussys and Coalmans, Sargeants and Polly  
 are in tolerable good health but Andrew is as  
 tight in the back as the mouth of a white oak  
 thunderbolt. I will tell you a little about  
 Mahalah, your old girl as he tells me. -  
 she is in good health. I should be sorry to see her  
 I am not to what home but expect to go away in about  
 a week if good weather permits I am in good health and  
 hope to remain so. I will tell you a little about the  
 times and times but to get in my way but I hope  
 it will be what a next season if it is not I shall  
 say the whigs are all a set of liars & mistake at all  
 I hope you will take no offence from my saying  
 a little more and I might close all other  
 sisters and brothers and their best respects  
 to you and would like to see you but there is  
 many hills and valleys between us we must soon  
 our way into it. the young folks in this place would  
 all like to see you fare well I must  
 close

I am of Particularity your brother  
 Wm Richards Fairbank Pickering