

Fort Fairfield Jan the 5th 1848

Friend Richardes
yours of Dec 14th I received the 26th
I was greatly pleased to hear from you and all the
rest of the friends in Lincolnville. I ~~was~~ with the
rest of your friends here are well and enjoying all
the comforts imaginable - you wished to know about
Parrott and anatacks - We expect Capt. Matacks here
soon to go surveying I think the prospect of your
getting a chance to go with him would be small
there is five stands ready to jump at the
chance if you was here when he come you
would not fail in getting a chance
I stop at the upper Blockhouse with four more
Mr. Patter King Dosty & Kelsey - I have been engaged getting
timber out of the River We have got it secured on
dry land We are now about completing a loggershop
We have got the old commissary to repair for a schoolhouse
Mr. Leewitt left here three to day for Bangor and has
not returned yet We look for him soon for we are
about out of Provisions We have but three hogs to
and are not fit for the barrell yet We have eat
nine of them and should have eaten them if
they had been fit Mr. Standley has furnished us
with flour for some time I heard Joseph Deans
folks a short time since they are all well

We got the printers message yesterday and I guess he wishes
to keep me here a good while longer I wish I was in the

O I forgot to let you any thing about the
weather we have not had any snow since
you left til a week ago last Saturday we had
six inches - In years the coldest day I have
seen this three years - good by

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Me



I think you gave me more
it as the last one but I
shall get some more soon

I hope you will not forget to write so often we talked of here if you do the way I will talk to you when I come home will be a pleasure I hope you will remember this every time that you set down a pen

I wish I could be in Lincolnville about a fortnight^{let} to associate with you and the rest of my friends you spoke about Mr Dunbars paying his respects to Miss Olive if he is lucky enough to make a wife of her he will do well I don't think he could make a better choice Olive is well give and she is as clever as the day is long no mistake give her my best respects when you see her don't forget it I should like to know how Caroline gets along with her family and much of a family they have got - This is Tuesday morning the 7th Mr Kelsey and I have been ordered to move our quarters to the Fort that is a hard case to leave our old friends and go into a new crew of men I will give you a hint of the new volunteers to of their men was out till late one night and when they returned they were hailed by the guard they told their names but did not stop the guard fired at him with no less than seven balls in his musket they hit within a foot of the man since that there has been a musket discharged through the cook house with four balls in and another fired through the block house with six balls there was no lives lost although it was a narrow escape of all the battles that has ever been fought on Fort Fairfield there has never been so many balls through building before to my knowledge

don't think that I shall be able to come your friend at all out to come I will say that it is enough

To fill up the sheet I will tell you a few words that I read in the woodstock times it states that a party of men from this place up to letter 3^d on purpose take him but he got news of it before they got there and fled to the ground falls closely pursued he ordered out the troops and was ready for a severe brush but on finding that we could not get him returned back - This is what the times said and I will tell you how nigh it comes to the thro I was in the crew - We started to take him if we could catch him this side of the line as he had been there and ordered the lumbermen of and set this way to drive them off - but he did not come if he had we should not have no mistake - I have wrote you all the news that I know and that out much Almond I am getting of Fort Fairfield I beg your pardon the Fort is as good ever it was but it is the old office I think if the Lord spares my life until the 15th of Sept. I shant be a niger slave under Toll I want you to write about John Daniel gets along with his farm tell them that I am well as ever I want you to write me a letter as long as from here to you and tell me all the news that there is in Lincolnville give my best respects to all the young folks I should like to hear from Erastus and John Dean, I am yours respectfully - James P Adams To Almond, Richard of Lincolnville

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