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Miss May Richards

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Mr. Almon Richards
Township letter 5.
Crawstock County
Via Houston

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Secaucus N.J. Apr. 16th 1841

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Dear Brother I take this opportunity to inform you that I am well and hope those few lines may find you the same. I will give you a little account of my circumstances. I am going a fishing this season all fitted at the halves I have likewise taken it upon me to pay for my father's land and I shan't be able to come up to the arrearage under two years from this time. But I want you if you stay to select me a lot of good land as near yours as you can. For I think I shall come that way as soon as I get through here. I may get ready to come sooner if life and health permit. I want you

to write to our folks as you can make it convenient. I expect to go away the first of May. we expect to fish at the bay of chelew. Father is the third select man in our town this year. I deem your young is first Philip Thomas second. no mistake we did not put a wing into any office in town. now I will write a little on another subject about the times the times here never was half so hard under manure's administration as they are now. cordwood is worth about two dollars here the price but Gent Harrison is now dead and buried for which we the sons of liberty and renown mourn not. but the why party mourn in deep anguish. and mourn in despair for that god which they have worshipt old tip has been their worshiper for one year. but how they feel now on the account of their deccast image made of clay and do know Brother I beech you to come out from that party

Now I must close Remember me

Yours affectionately Barnham Richards

Lincolnton April 14th 1841

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Dear Brother I take this opportunity to inform you that I am well also the whole family. I have been to work at ^{the} day laborer Parleton for six months past, only some some one or two times they give me five shillings

A week, my wages come to twenty one dollars and four shillings, they find nine dollars of it in money and the rest I took out of the store. The miller, carleton the father of stodge carleton was taken sick february in the twenty second and died March the fourth he has left a weeping wife and eight sons to mourn the loss of a kind father and she to mourn the loss of a kind husband.

Being excused in the first of my letter in not wishing you health and prosperity I now wish all the affections of a sister wish and hope that these broken times may find in you the enjoyment of both youth all other attainments.

In regard to that little loss of which you hinted I know not as I shall have an opportunity of making a visit or feed of him as I have not seen him but once for six months past.

No no more on this subject at present I expect to work for my hall this summer if life and health permit.

I must draw my letter to a close by bid-
ding you an affectionate farewell till we meet again. I want you to write me as soon as you get this.

Mary Richards