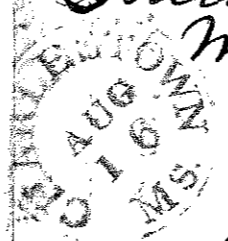


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Dear Cousin, take this half-hour  
To inform you that I am well at present  
And hope that these few lines will  
Find you the same. I have but  
A few moments to spare and intend  
To make good use of it to inform  
You that I am in the land of the living  
I want you to inform my friends  
Of my arrival and hope that they  
Are all well; my mother and brothers  
In particular I am now in the  
U.S. service I am now John Sprague  
Master I am now for three years  
And expect my discharge in a few days  
But shall wait on board until  
I receive an order from you I have  
No time to inform you of my ramblings.  
But the hands are turned too and  
I must bid adieu to writing and send  
My name. So good luck you all

Joseph Pennington