

Richard Richards
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Dear Son I once more take my pen to in-
form you that I am as well as usual and hope
this will find you in the enjoyment of
good of health both spiritual and temporal
your Mother and brother and Sister are all
tolerably well except Mary she is quite
unwell but I hope she may recover I say
I hope my hope is a faint one I say no more
your Grand Mother is with me and is quite
feeble her life will soon close
Your letter of January 22^d I received February
12th wrote a letter soon after to send you
but not having heard any thing from Gas-
hams or from the vessel having had
constant gales of wind I thought to wait
a while - Last evening the joyful news
arrived that they had reached their destined
port viz Norfolk Virginia Capt. and
crew all well - But sorrow and grief
(more or less) are the lot of all men
Capt Young took his wife out with him
she being well and in health but a day
before he reached his port she was taken
sick and died ~~at sea~~ and they had to
launch her body into the sea -

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Almon. what a cruel Monster Death is since I last wrote you four more of our towns men have been launched into Chermy. Nathan Deans. Elisha Griffire and Solomon Calamone while attempting to cross from Lincolnville to the island in about were upset and all lost and yet the fact was not known untill the tenth day after the accident ^{happened} they left 14 fatherless children together with Andrew Forders a young man aged 22 years had been to goe service to see a brother - was returning came up the long pond (hope side) on scates took them off at Browns narrows walked to the foot of Westers pond put on his skates arose up on his feet - started and in two minutes was in a watery grave he was faint and staggered out the same afternoon Thus we see the uncertainty of life and the necessity of a preparation for Sudden Death There are 3 or 4 women in town saying at the point of death - I expect Daniel Calderwood is dead - am not certain - Daniel Fletcher is very sick was taken very sudden - James Adams has been off to Apitachico tagat home last Saturday has gone on board again I know not where he would be told me he received a letter from you meant to write you but did not - excuse him

we have had a strange winter - a little snow in November a little in December in January could have ploughed with ease - had a little snow in February on the top of 4 inches of mud it lasted 24 hours - had the best of wheeking since that to day it snows again on the top of mud 3 or 4 inches deep - we have had the most severe gales of wind that have been known since 1815 vessels and lines have gone to destruction in all directions chimneys houses barns and sheds have been blown down swung round upset &c. &c.

The times here are hard no mistake there is nothing doing except in Lima and that is a labourer killing the people are in debt - our town is in debt in debt 1841 added 130 thousand Dollars more to our state debt since March 4th 1841 14 millions have been added to our national debt further this we possess south west

Almon. you must write me as soon as you receive this I have told you why I neglected so long to write you the better I have written I shall not send - I have been trying to get your money ^{east} untill April if then Colman says you shall have it - Colman has the bond by will - Peckhoffs wife a thousand Dollars by will - the Rich Benjamin Busby is dead, I must close by saying I remain your affectionate Father untill Death Nathaniel Richards