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Lancaster Mass Sept 13 - 1842

Dear Son - I have just received your letter of June 26th - I found the letter at ^{St. Louis} ~~St. Louis~~ with Carter last evening and I was ^{to} ever more to hear from you for I had come to the conclusion that some accident had befallen you, by your letter I know that you received mine of April 29th in my letter of that date I copied a letter ~~sent~~ from the surgeon of the hospital at Norfolk Station that Stansham had been Discharged Cured and in all probability was on his way homeward (as we presumed), the next mail brought us a letter from Stansham Station that he had left the hospital, was at boarding house and quite well but necessary and hoped he should be able to get home in one or two days that time, we heard nothing more concerning him until the 11th or 12th of August, when he reached home, and glad were we to see him, he was in a poor state of health but has improved in health since that time

After being at his boarding house some weeks and having got some better he had to ship on board some vessel to get money to pay his boarding master or he shipped on board ~~our~~ our U. S. ship Perry (Learica) being in this predicament he shipped on board a merchant vessel as cook, and went to Porto Rico W. I.

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from there back to Norfolk then up to Richmond and from there down to Norfolk and then discharged.

(With his months advance before he sailed for portrice, he paid his boarding master, having to pay three Dollars per week) and finding no vessel bound North he was under the sad necessity of again going to his old boarding master Cox, by name, but find by nature, for as soon as Cox found him the second time in his clutches he begins to advise him to ship on board the Persyphuman the which Farnham could not hear the thought of doing) - Cox, then began to threaten and a plan laid to take his life by poison or destroy him some other way. Farnham saw and knew this and became alarmed.)

At this critical moment Capt. Gilbey of Cavalry arrived there Farnham went on board begging that he would bring him home, which he (Gilbey) promised to do but did not want to take him on board till ready to sail, Gilbey having had a hard time of it, and Farnham now being quite well again and not able to work. - Cox became acquainted

With them overnight and was determined Farnham should never leave Norfolk, Farnham got his things on board (I believe Cox did not) went at night to his boarding house as usual found his bed covered in case contact with the bed of a nuffian, a chair brought into the Chamber (a thing which had never been done before) was down of the third

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I left our up on taken out these he
perceived when he went in to his chamber
these did his heart sink with him
these did he think his cord was near
he spoke to the nuffians that was in the chamber
he protested to be a sheep, Jarvis has knew he
was not, Jarvis asked him, what it all meant
he dismissed him, told him to go to bed,
Jarvis went in to one, room, asked him
what he had done, and what these things meant
one ordered him to bed, Jarvis went in to
his chamber, laid him self across the bed
never slept a moment, the nuffians would
never Jarvis would laugh, Jarvis has
heard others under the window, thus passed
that Dreadful night, Dreadful indeed to
Jarvis, after it was light he took a long
nap knowing there was no danger then, he
awoke, went to breakfast, and for the first
in that house found warm bread upon the
table, his bread with himself was placed at
one end of the table, he eat but was suspicious
at the moment, he perceived ^{he} got he
went to the wharf, beged a boat, boarded Gilbey
vessel, told him he was hoarse, took pulce and
physic, purchase physic, his wife was saved,
he dared not go to Doctor he thought they were
all combined together ^{to take place} here I could fill a
sheet according what he perceived at this time,
he has got home with the skin of his teeth and that
is more than I expected, he done nothing since
he returned and I know not what he intends to do
he says he shall try it again - you must not
ask the reason, he has not wrote you - Mary is well
and works at candles, says, she is young, Abigail young
Charles the Richards all left them for Boston yesterday
morning, they went by steam, she is young, went after
last night, has been home I wish on a visit and after
other girls - we all want to see you, in regard to money
I feel doubtful Jarvis & My Dear son Russell
I am yours affectionately & gratefully
Richards

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P. S. The Quoniam are all well, Lois and ~~my~~
Phoebe are both thriving in the enjoyment
of the true Giver of Good, and I hope that
you are enjoying a measure of that Great
and best of all gifts - Peace & Love

I am told your Mother has wrote you,
It was unknown to me, If you have received
her letter meet it in your next
~~Saml A Whitcomb Esq.~~ and Mr. Hadden
with a host of others have and did
on yesterday help the Deacons - our applicants
had 41 votes. —

Wm. Richards

Write me soon, Tell what you
and what your news
which Miss young has gotten it seems
to be in a very short time - and I hope
with you

John

Dear Mother
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Amos J. Richards
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Dear Mother

Richards

Mr. Amos Richards
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John Dunsen Son of Timothy Dunsen Died
on Sunday last young Eph M. Miller of the point
of Penikese died of tuberculosis he is said to be an
young of sea with, has turned 200 and is one of our
Deacons. ~~He is a very good man and is one of our~~
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Rich. Richards