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My Dear Son

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As I am alone to day I improve this time to write you a few lines to inform you that I am well and so is all of my family - and I hope this may find you the same - Lavinham got your letter and so did your Pa and we was very glad to hear from you - I expected they would have wrote you before now - but they been so engaged that they have not - Lavinham came home some week since and has been getting out timber for a while - I expect he will be married next season if no thing should happen - his intended is an amiable young woman - her name is Chamy Woods worth one of uncle Abiah's twins - Chamy will be married one of these days I expect - her intended Richard is an amiable young man - James Adams says that your intended Frances is an amiable young woman - Nancy and Lois left home at 3th Nov Boston we have had a letter from them - they got there safe - Nancy has seven and six pence per week - Lois has one dollar - I expect they will stay one year - Ahman I wish you was here now - but I expect it is no use to hope to see you very soon - but I think you would have done well if you had stayed here - James Adams has got along first rate - he has got Mr. Delehens farm about paid for and now he has bought Mrs. John Youngs farm and is to give him five hundred and fifty dollars & Mrs. Young is going to move to Burnham next spring - Old Mrs. Grace Deal died last Sunday - your grand mother is here with us yet but is not very well she few and hurt her hip a few weeks since and has been lame ever since - Mrs. Pendleton is married and lives in Boston - Nancy visited them several times last year - we had a letter from Joseph Pendleton in September he is married and settled for life in Enon ~~hand~~ ^{hand} ~~boys~~ ^{boys} ~~born~~ ^{born} Norwich

remember the 12th = I will try to pen a few more lines and first
of the weather - one week last Knight to day and to Knight it
was very cold and many had not got their potatoes all
out - last Tuesday it snowed - some laid on the ground till
Friday - it commenced raining; and last Knight there
fell a bout two inches of snow - to day ~~is~~ is very cold
Charlotte Haspworth - Sarah Ann Richards - Elizabeth Young
Rhoda Richards - Abigail Young - Charlotte Richards - Nancy Lois
are all in the city of Boston and getting along first rate - and there are
many very many whom you once called friends that have joined
the mourners and gone to that city now or rather Sabbath - last year
which Haspworth and five or six families from Seersmont went
he has wrote to his folks - said he should join Joseph Smith's army this
last September - Isaac Richards and two or three families from Seersmont
his brother Coehel had a letter from him he had got about half way on his
Journey his expenses was nine Shillings per day - had good luck all the
way and there was about sixty in their company - the last of September
many more from this town and among them your cousins
Mantha and Sarah Richards - their fathers provided each of them a please
barnel to carry their cloaths in - their Sisters Mary and Ruth went
last year they were both married - Mary married a nonnan preacher and
Ruth a Cainy - your wife Josiah is going next Spring and will take Elizabeth
and Wesley along with him - Josiah Haspen has got one and two of Asa
Spalding's daughters - I wish them all well - your uncle
James Richards and family are all well - he and his wife has experienced judges
your uncles Manning and David Southams families are all well - and
your aunt Lois and her two children are well - her husband went off
last year with the mourners - - - while Sabate Wards worth m^r hall
and all of the youngs families are well - Albon Steal and family are
well - Almon we should all be very glad to see you - and I am
getting along in the world - I wish you all the happiness and joy that you
can have in this life and in the life to come - I hope you will remember
that you are born to die

how happy is the man who has chosen his days ~~and~~ measured out
to his god in prayer and praise || his god and his people are all that he desires ||
to holiness of heart and mind he constantly aspires || in poverty he is happy for he
knows he has a friend || who never will forsake him and on whom he can
rely in the morning with the last he tunes his lays || and ~~is~~ offers up
a tribute to his god in prayer and praise || and there unto his labors he cheerfully
in confidence believing his god will hear his prayers || what ~~is~~ ever he engages
in at home or far abroad || his object is to honour and to glorify his god

we received your letter last Wednesday and was very glad to hear from you. we are sorry that you have met with such a loss. but we hope that you will not suffer for bread the coming season. I hope you will not remember at the hand of Providence though you have had such hard luck. I hope you will be provided for. Altho off course if you had stayed here I think you would have ~~been~~ as well out every well every thing is money here. Enops here of all kinds has turned and hand to be got. I guess the money is running scarce beyond Tom's. your Pa has been to see Mr. Coakman he says he means to pay you but he never has the money when your Pa calls for it he expects to get soon and then he will write you immediately. Danforth will write soon

we ought you to write as soon as you get this but I must close

I remaine your affectionate mother till death

Mary Richards