

Saturday evening 25th — Bishop's letter
 Dear sir this is to inform you that I have received your letter, and that I expect to be in Lincolnville the last of next month, and can then attend to any claim you or your son may have upon me. I L Bishop
 all dark — we will dismiss Mr. B.

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 Richard
 October 24th 1845

Lincolnville
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Mr. Almon
 West Springfield
 Mass

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sat by the old ¹ last night till the moon was one
 1/2 hour high — all to bed ^{to} now — and I must go —
 but I will say farewell children till next
 Saturday evening. I hope you will there have
 this before you,

Give my respects to Mr. Paul
 he is a clever young man

Richard

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Dear Almon — I take this evening (Friday) to try
 to write you, but my eyesight has failed me so fast
 for the two last years, that I can't see one of the lines
 on this sheet with my spectacles on. We that are at home
 are all well except Phibe. She is complaining a great
 part of her time. We received a letter from Raney & Lois
 about one week since, they were well, they had received a
 letter from you, and wrote you about the time they did one,
 I hope you will continue to write them, I received your letter
 Wednesday the eighth, was at the office when it arrived, that
 was right, when I spoke of your letter reaching me a week
 sooner, I was calculating for your mailman to stop one night
 at your place, I see that your letters to me, will reach here
 at 5 or 6 o'clock P.M., and I shall mail ^{my} letters on Monday ^{morning}
 so that you will get them on Friday of the same week
 I was glad to hear that you and your wife were well, and
 I hope the little boy has recovered ere this, I was pleased
 to learn that my letter went safe as I had had some fears about it,
 our potato crop has completely failed us, instead of 400, I shall
 get 40 or 50 bushels but I fear these will not keep, some don't
 get a bushel to the acre, some will have 10 some 5-3 &c
 Joseph Mathews has but 3 bushels from 3 acres, I speak
 of those that are now sound, but a chance if they keep,
 the crop has failed throughout all our northern states
 likewise in Europe, — There is a great market abroad
 for our American bread stuffs — that, and the loss of our
 potato crop will ~~be the~~ cause our bread to come
 very high, corn with us has been 54-60-65-68-70 &c
 within a few days it has gone up to 1 doll. flour from 4 1/2 to
 6 and we hear now to 7 dollars in Boston we look for famine

There are East, West, and South post offices in
Thomaston, Jarvis' address would be E Thomaston
I think a letter might lay in the office 3 months and
he not get ^{it} as he never thinks to call at the office,
It is seldom that he writes a letter or reads one, I have
taken the most of the letters from the office that you
have sent him, I understand he is going to move up
here again quite soon, Almon, I do not know to say it,
but I do expect he will give me a hard one -

you speak of Vass Burers and one of ^{your} sisters, that you
should like to have them with you, ~~they~~ I expect Mary
will be married this fall, Nancy & Lois are in Boston,
our other girls are all small except Phoebe, and her
health is very poor, - I have wished that Vass Burers was
with you, but I don't know how things may turn with
yet, I want you to tell me the price of shoes, boots, and
woolens clothing, and clothing of all kinds in your section,
tell me if you have any mills, what kind they are, and how
near by, - tell me the price of salt, tea, and tobacco,
Almon, it was nine months last evening since I
used the smallest mite, or grain of tobacco, either to chew
smoke or snuff, I had used, about forty years - I could tell
you quite a story about this tobacco, but you would have
to be a pretty good Boy to understand me fully -

If your life and mine be spared, I do hope to see you in
in Lincolnville as soon as next Spring, you speak of
my coming your way, but I shall have to learn a great
deal about your country before I can consent to come that
way, I think that you will have to leave that cold
region yet yourself or starve to death, that John
Sabon married a sister to Joseph Terroaldi's wife - she died
he left his children with their Aunt (Joseph's wife) and

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they don't hear from him so often as they would wish
to - they requested me to get some information of you
if I could, I have been some acquainted with him,
he was in our town ~~before~~ after his wife died,
he was not backward in Disturbing meetings of pub-
-lick worship, he was a first rate universalist or infidel,

your Letter containing Mr. Bishop's note
went directly to him - you wished him to send ~~you~~
the amount due ^{you} by mail, after reserving to him
self, a sufficiency to compensate him for trouble and expenses
for your board while at his house in the Spring of 1840

It appears, the words that I have marked, caused the old gen-
tleman a great deal of grief - you said nothing
about the risk of the money, he was told, the risk was
his, as there was nothing said by you about the risk, &
I did not feel able to run any risk, therefore I dare not send
it, he thought likely you would be in Lincolnville if not
at his house, he has ever wished to see you, he sends you his
best respects (as he says) I wrote him 26 last March, I told him
you was desirous to know if he received the note, and if he had
sent the money it was your loss, but if he had received the note
and had not sent it, I wished him to enclose it in a letter and
direct it to me at Lincolnville, as you ~~wanted~~ wished
one of your sisters to have it to help her to the Arnold's
As I said nothing about the risk of the money, he neglected
ing to risk it or lose it, he neglected to send it. Hoping that
some of my Lincolnville folks (young or Aunts) would be
in his town so he could send to me, - The last of June last
I wrote Bishop's P.M. desiring him to give ^{me} all the information
he could, I received no answer, I thought strange of the P.M.,
In Sept. I saw Bishop he told the whole story - the post-master
went to see Bishop, showed him my letter, Bishop promised him
he would write me, he did say directed to Lincolnville certainly, I thought
it not, I got ~~it~~ Sept 20th