

Sept 12th - 11 o'clock at night - I have broken
this open - We are all well - 5 dollars in this - I don't
know what day to mail - next Monday or Monday after -
write me by the first mail after receiving this,

Sept 19th
don't forget to tell me if you know anything
of one John Taber (blacksmith) that went from
Lincolnville

Abraham Richards
Sept 4th 1845

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Me

Mr. Abner S. Richards

Letter I took Fairfield

Maine

Sept 19th - 12 past 11 at night we are all well
no letter from Boston yet - I shall carry this to the
office tomorrow - It will be mailed next Monday
I shall look for an answer one week from
next Wednesday - don't disappoint me

A. Richards

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Lincolnville Sept 4th 1845

Dear Son & Daughter

I catch this moment to
pen you a few lines, and will say to you
that we enjoy a usual degree of health,
I hope this will find you all well.

Abner - I have received all of
your letters but have not receipted for
them as I intended, there is much that
I want to write, but it is not at all times
that I feel disposed to, and at other times
I scarcely dare to, you ask if you shall
write to Garrison, you might question
him in regard to my future prospects, and
what he intends to ^{do} for me, and with me, in
case that he should settle on the land him-
self - I expect to ^{know} more about these
things in the course of six months.

There are many things I wish you
knew, but it might not be proper for
me to put them on paper -

I have wished that Van Buren was with
you, I have thought it would be a benefit
to you and him too in case he should be
blest with life & health -

Mary has wrote you, and I expect
you have received her letter - I want you
to give me the precise time of the receiving of your mail
from Houlton, up and back - be particular -

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In a few minutes I shall start for the post office, — therefore I can't write much more, but will just say that I have got upon the track, of your Bishop's note, and have caught some of the game, which I shall enclose in this letter, — I expect the remainder will be in my hands in thirty days or less, which I shall then forward to you, with a full statement of the particulars relative to the case.

Moreover, are you willing to stake the face of the note for the dismission? (before you answer I will just say ~~that~~ I have ^{heard} that I have committed ^{an error}.) If you are I will make it out, at all events,

you see the blunders I make, but you can find it out — you said in your letter to Mary that you should have grain fit to harvest in ^{one} week, I fear you had frost before that week expired, you ~~to~~ had 3 or 4 very cold nights about that time, and we had frost in our low lands the next week, ~~but that is~~ the middle, rest, or not has destroyed our potatoes, so that they will be about a total failure, and with money it will be the case —

Moreover I wish you would be a little particular in informing ^{me} how it is in your vicinity in respect to these things.

This letter won't leave our office until next Monday — our mail runs east and west every day, but that don't forward my letters to you unless they are mailed on certain Mondays, and I want you to tell me the precise time.

I have wrote to your sisters in Boston to write you, I hope they have, but if they have not, I hope you will write them, I believe I gave you the number of their place where Mary wrote you. — Moreover I should be

truly gratified to see you and your wife, but it is not at all likely that I shall ever behold, again on earth, the face of my first born child, and I pray God that you and I may so number our days as to apply our hearts to wisdom, and in the day that the Lord will come to make up his jewels, we be found ready to enter in with him to the marriage supper where we shall go no more out.

Be sure to write as soon as you get this — With a feeling and almost aching heart I now take leave of you — and remain your affectionate Father till death
Amen S & Frances Richards Rich. Richards