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Mrs Nancy Richard

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Dear Children

Now since it is Gods holy will ^{it} we must be parted ^{for} ^{us} ^{to} ^{be} ^{done}
in sweet submission all as one! we say our fathers will be
your company sweet your union dear! your words delightful ^{to} ^{mine}
and when I think that we must part! you dance like cords ^{about} ^{my} ^{heart}

It has been a long time since we heard from you and
much longer since we saw you * we all want to see you
I wish you could come this Spring and bring your wife
and baby with you - Joseph Dear came here last
fall to see his folks - he left houlton tuesday morning
and got to his mothers on Saturday evening, he came
with a horse and wagon and he brought a little boy
with him and left him ~~with~~ with his brother
Calvin - he is going to move his family here this
Spring - he says the times is so hard that he cannot
stay to houlton - we got a letter from Lois
two weeks since - dated the last of march. She and
Granny was well - She thought if nothing should
happen she should be home in three weeks
But she did not know when Grancy would
come - She says she has wrote you three letters
and has had no answer the cause she does not know
two weeks this day - Mrs. Salls; Eldest daughter
Mary died of quick consumption - she was sick

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Six weeks but was not thought dangerous till one week before she died. She was sixteen last december a sad accident. The last day of march ^{capt} Samuel Whitney and wife left ductrap for casten in a sail boat the boat ran against a sheet of ice and filled they jumped into the sea and a boy that was with them and hoped to swim to the shore they was heard by a man in another boat who went to them and soon as possible but before he got to them Mrs. Gump's wife did not sink but she died before he got to land - the boy lived but was senseless some may the ninth - we received your letter two weeks since and was glad to hear that you were all alive and well but we are sorry to hear that the times is so hard but I hope you will be provided for so no one will starve to death. Almon I wish you and your family was here in old Simcolmsville where there is bread enough and to spare we have had a beautiful spring so far the snow went off about the middle of march the little trees is all leaved out and the grass begins to show its self. your Pa has sowed almost three bushels of wheat and has planted some potatoes we had one hundred bushels of potatoes last fall - we have lived well all this winter and spring and I think we shall be provided for this summer we had another letter from Lois a few days since she says that she and Jancy is coming home the last of this month.

Almon the 1st of Johnson and his wife and dear little Almon has been here to make us a visit this week. There have been letters
 Richard and Mary is well and doing well. I and my family are all well and I hope this may find you all the same. I want you to write as often as you can. Farnham lives to East Thomaston yet and is doing well we heard a few days since that there babe was verry sick. Phebe lives with Farnham. She went there last february. Farnham was here last January and stayd all night and he gave up the bond to your Pa and thought it was best for him to have no more to do with the land. your Pa wrote to Jancy and Lois about his affairs and they sent him twenty five dollars in a letter and he hired some more and in february he went to Belfast and paid in fifty dollars. there is ninety dollars due now. the little boys is good to work and I think your Pa will be able to pay up what is due in a few years. the times is verry good here another man and his wife was drowned a few days since they was coming from the island to Montport his name was Rodison. John W Young was married to Lydia Richards a few weeks since. your Pa's feelings was somewhat and so was Phebe's. to hear you speak so against father Miller for they think he is a nice man. I think if you could have some of his books to read you would think he is a candid man and wishes for the good of souls. but I must soon close. Almon Finances and little Henry. I long to see you all but I must bid you good night. I remain your affectionate mother. Nancy Richards