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Mr. Aaron S. Richards

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Mr. Jeremiah Stebbins

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I received yours of April 16th, was glad to hear that you and yours were well,

We are all well, Nancy & Lois have returned home from Boston, they are in the enjoyment of pretty good health. Gurnham's family wintered in Thomaston last winter, he was at my house in January and gave me up the Bond I formerly held against the proprietors, and left me to manage for my self. This Spring - say 2 or 3 weeks since, he moved his family up to Hesekeah Neal's, and he has gone back to Thomaston to work through the season, his health is very poor, their child has been troubled with fits all winter. I have heard that Gurnham intends to buy a small piece of Land Hesekeah,

Richard and Mary are well, Lois has been to see them this afternoon.

St. Hall's wife is ailing & failing very fast, it is thought by many that she will not live long, their Daughter Mary they buried a few weeks since.

June 6th Saturday. Last evening I wrote the preceding - thought I had nothing more to write - I have just been out planting a few beas - have returned to the house, in order to get ready to go to the post office - I find your Mother, Nancy & Lois, Ruth, Mildah B. and Francis E. all Busy about their work, our little Francis is a beauty - 3 years old 14th last month

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as respects the Land Masses, Nancy & Lois think of trying their luck at paying for it, have made a new contract for it - have paid in 50 dollars - ninety more due, a part of which is to be balanced by the proprietors by way of gift, Mr Webster the agent will attend to this, he tells me there will be a consideration made, the proprietors are to be in Belfast in July, (next) it will then be attended to, Webster thinks I ought to be glad Farham is off.

The girls wages, since they went to Boston last, amount to 170 dollars, beside presents, nearly 30 dollars some, 50 cents, some 3-4-5 and even 7 dollars value.

I shall close soon - I want to send you some small books, and some writings - say about 3 or 4 sheets, I don't know as I shall send them till after you write me again, I hope you will write soon, please to say if you will receive those books and papers if I send them, If you do not like them, you may send them back by mail, Almon - I intended to write you before, but could not until I knew how the Land case would go, I don't know how soon the girls will return to Boston - may not go till September.

It is quite a task, for me to write, I have to use glasses, and they are about as poor as my eyes, my right arm is almost useless - I am stone deaf in one ear, ~~that is~~ I have had the rheumatism in my head for 4 or 5 months.

good bye Almon, Frances, and little boy, till I hear from you again.
Nehemiah Richards

I feel more than anxious for you to write me as soon as you get - this

Received of Nehemiah Richards

how forgetful I am - Phoebe is in Thosartown - Left home 4th last march - don't know when she will return.