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Dear son & daughter,

Yours of July 3-5th was duly received, we were glad to hear from you - glad to learn that the papers were sent safe, believe we have sent some since, but are not certain think we shall send more by and bye - dont know but we have wrote you since the 7th of July, but think we have not. Martin V. B. Richards was at home a few days ago. He wished me to say to you, that he had sent you 3 letters, but had received no answer from you, to either of them, he wants me to tell you how to direct in order for him to get them, for he wants you to write him soon as possible; and I want you to visit him, direct to Mr. M. V. B. Richards, Thomaston,

Puncheon, Nancy, and Phoebe, live in Thomaston. Ruth lives in Rockland, Darius & Frances live at home, Huldah is with Sarah's ¹⁸⁷⁵ and wife, their youngest child has been, and ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~believe,~~ ^{believe,} troubled with fits, told me of all the papers you receive of me, - I send a great many to one and another, I hope you are prepared for the Mail today, have sent, to Sabea, Atkinson, Garland, and many places, - to day for Atkinson -

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Richard Muddocks Mother has been about life
less ever since 2 weeks last Thursday, eats nothing,
drinks nothing but cold water, any change of drink
is procured by her at Once (by taste) and will not
be taken — has had the appearance of mortification
for more than a week — her case is a strange one,
and a very singular one, — Last Tuesday, Mrs
Rankins, buried his oldest Child, a daughter, Lucy
by name, she was most 19 years old, she
was a girl much beloved by all that know
her — Carried off by Consumption, so called,
So fades the lovely blooming flower,
Sweet smiling babe of an hour,
So soon our transient moments fly,
And pleasure only blooms to die.

Wish you to write us as often as you
can.

We remain yours, with
Much parental affection

Sehemiah Richards

Betsy J Richards

How can help!

Hope this may
find you well

P. S. Our potatoe

crop, is a quaver.

N. Richards
& wife

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