

We were sorry to learn that you were so un-  
well - this world is full of trouble - glad  
to hear that your wife and children were smart.

I am a cripple & in much pain while try-  
ing to scribble this, It will be one week to  
morrow since I came into the house  
the last time - got badly hurt with my  
teem while in the woods alone - It is in  
my ankle, foot and leg,

Martin V, B, Richards is in  
Virginia again this winter, I believe  
I have told you what luck he had last winter  
has now gone for 5 or 6 months at \$30  
per month, He was ninety three hours  
from Rockland to Middlesex Co. Virginia  
and of that time was in Boston 25 h. 45 M.  
and 2 hours in Philadelphia, was in portland  
like wife in Baltimore, arrived at his  
place Oct 13th, wrote me the 15th, and  
once since, through great care I hope  
he took a sudden cold and had a hard time  
but the crew between 20 and 30 all took  
hold and they soon got him up,

Darius left home about the 20th  
of Oct. for 5 or 6 months to work in Camden  
but has to quit, I being lame, Before he  
returned, my family was, Myself, wife  
and Frances the baby, - She was named  
for your wife,

Jeremiah Wadsworth went to California  
a few years since, Staged a while - come home  
sick - has been growing worse till he went  
to his grave, which was 3 weeks since

His widow is very poorly has not been  
out for about 8 weeks, was not able to  
follow her husband to the grave,  
we think she will soon follow,

Mary & Richards are smart for them  
tho. Mary is not a well woman

Karey has been at J. Wadsworth's  
'till lately, has now gone to Farnham's  
his family are quite sick, some of  
them are dead with fits, I told  
Farnham to write - said he would, don't  
know as he has, Bureau sent for your  
P, O, address, I sent it, he said he  
wanted to write you, don't know if  
he has, If he has not I want you  
to write him - So I will give you his  
address,

Mr. M, V, B, Richards  
you can  
put it on to  
please yourself  
Locust Hill  
Middlesex County  
Virginia

Almon, be sure to write him, and  
he will answer with all pleasure

Jan 3, 1855

Phebe is poor in health and all things  
else if she is destitute of the grace of God  
But I humbly trust she is not, But  
where she is I know not, and where  
Joel is it matters not, Ruth is in  
Rockland, we dont know as she is married  
Huldah is with Mary and is servant  
Grousees sets by me mending  
darius mitter, as she says, Darius is  
sitting by her side reading the life  
of David Crockett, of Bear hunt  
Memory, Betsey, or My Wife has  
just laid down, she is quite feeble  
She thinks she should be much pleased  
to see you, hope this may find you  
and family better than it leaves us,  
hope you will write often, tell me  
if you got my June letter

yours with parental  
affection  
Nehemiah Richards

N. Richards  
Jan 3, 1855

I dont know as you can make good sense of this  
letter, I am sure I cant if I take the bare letter  
for it.

Lincolnvill ~~December~~ <sup>January</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1855

My Dear Son

YOURS of November 4<sup>th</sup>  
has been received, but, I believe  
not in due time, I have forgotten

In guess, I am reminded that it was  
~~that it was~~ on Election day I wrote you  
but, suppose I went to the polls, I have  
not been to but one town meeting  
for eleven years, and there  
stopped but a few minutes,

you did not say as you receive  
my letter I sent you in June last,

you speak of the times being  
hard, every thing with us in this  
Section has been high, and money  
has been plenty, but there is a  
lack of money now, and bids  
foul to be more so, The Banks  
are falling the mischief with  
every branch of business,

It is said, flour will be up to  
\$ 20, Corn two, every thing car-  
ried to market turns well, but  
Cash is not so plenty (as it was)

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