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My Dear Son

I have just taken up your two last letters and find that yours of March 21st I have not answered, I have written but 3 or 4 letters since I wrote you about the first of March last, which as I used to write to or 50 a year. I am in infirm, having a disorder on the loins, that it hinders me, much, to look on any point trying to read it or to try to write, so you must excuse my neglecting to write you sooner.

We are in very poor health, I and my wife, have none at home with us but Huldah, and she is comfortably well, but not so vigorous as some of the family have been at her age, she was sixteen last April, I believe your Brothers and Sisters are well, or as well as usual.

Frances has this moment come in another day, she has two fine apples, she is a bright looking girl I tell you, she is taller than Ruth, and is Huldah, she works like the Mary at present, and Ruth has been in Cambridge since last Spring has of late been nursing Bess's wife, they have a fine boy, had it been fair to day she was coming home for a day, and then going to Boston to work in a straw factory, they are working in Cambridge, I believe

the intended spreading, her wages there, Danus works a month in Cambridge for \$4 or \$5 dollars, then would be paid \$3 or \$4 dollars, after that I should have 2 or 3 weeks, yesterday

Showered in a severe rain, my poor feet had,

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The 17th of March is what you say "This is a changing world,"
you say "our politics change" you ask why, rather don't
"say something of political matters?" Let me answer your
question, one, when in, in the least, has politics ever bit-
tered your condition or mine? I was born a democrat
I have lived one, am I not yet in the fullest sense of
the word, which is, democratic Republican, or if it
sounds better Black Republican, I often stand
at my post for more than 40 years, I overheard all
of every party who are round at the core, falling in
to the ranks in which I have stood, were with
Graft kept the Victory will be ours, Maine has
done well, so has Iowa and Vermont, yet
there is much more to do ~~to~~ ~~propose~~ the ball
may be kept in motion, and I believe it will
be for I sincerely believe the hand of the Lord
is in this move, and well will it be for them
that obey and come up to the work.

We have had an insupportable wet season,
such a time for getting hay was never before
known by the oldest inhabitant of our town, hun-
dreds of tons was lost after being cut & stacked,
The potatoe crop is almost a total failure,

I must draw to a close, if I can
think of any thing to close with, hoping this
may find you, your wife and children, in
good health, and that I may hear from you
again in the future, I subscribe myself your
affectionate father

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