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My Dear Son

I received yours of 27th ultimo, 14th of present month, was glad to hear that you and family were well, you speak of the times being dull, and money scarce, it is so here, the like was never before known, not since the day of your birth.

You speak of one who called himself Joseph Richards — I will tell you what I know your Uncle David, has a son Joseph, a steady young man, for one two or three seasons he followed fishing with his Brother-in-law, Mr. Creed, who married his sister, they lived at North, or Vinal Haven, since then he has followed the sea, or did the last I heard of him, he has not been your way however.

Your Uncle has but one other son, his name is Benjamin, I think he is at home with his father.

Mrs. Creed has left the Island and come home to her father to die, she is just gone, with consumption, a younger sister married a Moses Prescott, they lived in Rockland a while, he died there, she returned to her parents, has now married again, and live in Searsport or Frankfort, her husband name is Clark, his eldest daughter married before either of these live near her father — dont recollect the name, David has but 5 children

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Your sister Ruth was never fond of fools, fops or
foes, She is in Boston, with Mrs. Emerson ~~that~~
she that was once known by the name of Angelica
Massing, your Cousin, if she lives and nothing
happens to prevent, will return next fall to take
Mr. Edward Jordan for the better or worse,
Mr. J. belongs in Cassden, has got a good new
house, is a very respectable man, and is as
clever as he is old, and that is not over-much,
I nor none of mine know nothing of the
fellow that called on you.

Darius shipped in the spring for four months
fishing, dont know how he may make it.
He quit Lincolnville last March or April,
dont know which way he will next fall.
Wish he might do something, but
fear he wont, I and my wife
are both very infirm, I have no
help, and not able to help my
self, It is a very sickly time here
among the children, many of the
young have died lately - John Porters
child, your Cousin Wesley Richards
of Seassmont was drowned, Sunday last,
buried to day, leaves a wife and 4 children,
he was your Aunt Ruth's son.

please me as often as you can for I do not
expect I shall ever see you again

Van Buren is very feeble, has not been
able to do any work since last fall,
I fear that the times, and poor health
will prove very unfortunate with him.
His wife is on a six weeks visit at her father's.
He has been with me since Wednesday morning
last, tried to mow a little that day, but it
was hard work for him - Thursday Friday
and Saturday three days of as smart a rain
storm as we have seen for a year - mowed
a little yesterday - to day having a heavy rain
again, many people have only commenced
haying, Buren is now in my Chamber
trying to get a little rest and sleep, I dont
know as he hears the heavy thunde - that
is rolling over our heads.

I believe all my children are in
pretty good health but Buren,
Remember me to your wife,
and all the little children that are old
enough to know they have an old
aged grand-father down here in
Lincolnville, tell little Mary, I should
see her I should be much pleased, for I
always liked the name, and I know I
should like her.

I must close.

Wm. Richards

How far from post fair field to where you live

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July 30th 1858 - 3 o'clock P.M.

Van Buren is now going to start for
home, He is very feeble, Cant work
but a little, He wants you to answer
his three last letters, tell him where
you live so he can write you again
N. B. It is dreadful dull weather for
haying, and gross light
yours

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