

Feb 11, 1862

You must excuse  
bad writing and poor  
spelling  
please write to me as soon  
as convenient  
hoping these few lines  
will find you and your  
family well  
I will bid you good by  
hoping to hear from  
you soon  
From your friend

Zealor W. Richards

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Dear Brother  
I take this opportunity to  
let you know how I am  
getting along we are all  
well at present except ~~my~~  
my wife her health  
is poor. I hope this will  
find you and family all well  
I am myself and family  
and Zealor Richards and  
family intend to try the  
arrostook in the spring  
Darius says he will pay  
half my expenses of a mo-  
ving there I want to go if  
possible in the spring so  
that I can get in some cro-  
ps in the spring. But I don't  
know how I shall make out  
in moving. But I shall  
try it to the best and go I will

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I want you to write me  
all about the country,  
and about mills saw and  
grist and how far you are  
from mill, tell me how  
it's settled around where  
you live and what ~~the soil~~  
kind of soil it is in your  
vicinity, write all the news  
you have give our love  
to your family write me  
all about the settlement  
around your vicinity,  
the winter here is not very  
tough though it has been  
quite windy the last mon  
th. Darius can come with  
out fail. But as for me  
it will very hard to get  
there but I am bound to  
try it if I can if you could  
assist me any in moving  
please let me in answer  
to this excuse for writing  
my pen is very poor write  
soon  
Farrham Richards

Rockland, Feb, 11, 1862

Dear Cousin  
I take the liberty to address  
a few lines to you  
thinking I should emigrate  
to the woods I want  
information  
if it is not asking too much  
I want you to tell me what  
the chances are for settling  
in your vicinity.  
what chance there is for school  
for meetings, doctors and  
market... what chance there  
is of taking up land  
and how near to settlements

Mrs Caroline Richards