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tomorrow, we get it as soon as Wednesday
4 or 5 o'clock P. M.

you say in yours of the 14th of May
you have had letters from Barnham and Davis
and some expect one on both of them to come
up your way soon - I have one thing to say
If you don't see some one from Lincolnville
till you see either of them, I think you may
set it down for a certainty, that you
will never see an inhabitant of this
Town. - I say no more.

I believe I told you your Uncle
David Barnham was dead, and now,
your Uncle Ephraim Bogges is dead,

Mary Maddox lies at the point of
Death, 4 or 10 days ago her physician
gave ^{her} up as incurable, she has a young
babe about ~~three~~ ^{four} weeks old, it has
never nursed any.

you must write me as often as
you can,

Nehemiah Richards

To Frances Richards

My Dear Daughter

We received your letter in
due time, and were much pleased with
it, for we really took comfort in reading
it, We can sympathize with you in sick-
ness, and cares of life, We should be hap-
py to see you, and those dear Grand-
Children too, but if we can't, we must
be resigned, twenty two years, and
sixteen days since we saw our eldest
Son, he would not know his father now,
should he meet him in the street.

he is ^{an} old man, 70 years 3 Months old
this day - The Lord has spared me thus
long, I shall soon have to leave this world.

Frances, your Mother is going to
send you a card in this letter.

Please Write us as often as
you can, We remain most affectionately
your father and Mother Nehemiah Richards

Betsy H Richards

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Abner Richard
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Lincolnton June 30th 1862

My Dear Son,

I received your of May 14th,
Was glad to hear that you and yours en-
joyed a good degree of health after the re-
covery of your wife from a long sickness.

I expect you received ^{one} from me about
the time I got yours; you speak of some
places ~~of~~ ^{our} troops have taken, Fort Mearns is
yet held by the rebels, and they have lately
sent a large body of troops there, all the west
part of Florida is held by the rebels, On the
Mississippi we have got them pretty well
thinned out, and as soon as we get Vicksburg
we shall have full control on that river.

When we get Charleston and Richmond
I shall have a little hope the war is over,
But I do not think that another year, will
bring the war to a close, if there should,
I fear it will cost us fifty thousand men
to take Richmond, but I hope it may not.

We have a great run of news from the army
doubtless ten times more than you get in your
section, things that in the army, say to day, and