

16 Almon I want you to write to us as often  
as you can make it convenient. Please send  
the inside sheet to Huldah so we may  
hear from you this time. R. H.

R. Maddox  
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Somerville March 15<sup>th</sup> 1863.  
Dear Brother Astor

I received your letter of per-  
-in due time but have neglected to answer it  
-for some time but was truly glad to hear  
-from you but was sorry to hear that you  
-had met with such a bad accident I think  
-you must have suffered very much, but I hope  
-that you are getting along comparatively soon  
-we are all as well as usual and I hope  
-they will find you all enjoying the same  
-things. you write that you wanted to  
-to go up and make you a visit this winter  
-but that is out of the question we shall have  
-to put of our visit to the north you a few  
-weeks longer, I should be pleased to have you  
-and your family come and make us a visit  
-next summer, we have just received a letter from  
-James he is well but I guess a little lame sick  
-we are going to send him a box of articles  
-a stockings. Business is good here this winter every  
-thing are liable to sell things a high price and  
-and every thing we have to buy we have to  
-pay high for. we are having our winter here  
-in thick the snow is about 15 inches deep

and the water is about 40 degrees below the  
-but enough of this will be sent you this winter  
-years afterwards Richard M. Stock