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*Almon S. Richards Esq
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train trip 1883*

*Also see from
Serge*

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We have got just @ very little money and want to put it where it will be safe.

Last week we let Alongo Durkin who has purchased the Phipps place, have Trushumled and Seventy five dollars at 10% and took Mortgage of the house and lot for one year only. We are in hopes to be able ~~and~~ to take possession of that small Town ~~soon~~.

Well Father I hope you are smart this winter and are not trying to see how much you can do, but are having @ good rest and taking comfort. Tell mother to do the same and see that Allie does not have

is one claim before it. Their is 80 acres of land, What I would like to do, is if the place is worth 800 or 1000, would be to pay up the Vinball claim and take first Mortgage, if it could be arranged in that way. Mr. Pury note me about it, but I answered that I did not care to put it where there was @ claim, but since then I thought if I could get at the real value, and it was ^{not} enough to pay up the old, and invest the whole amount, I should like to do it. Please do not mention it, only give me your idea about it. Don't think we have got to be old misers.

Houlton Sunday
Jan 14 83

Dear Father, We have been about frozen up for the past fortnight, but have begun to thaw out some today. I presume you have felt the cold, a little at Maple Grove but you have had the advantage of us I think, as we only have an airtight stove. I have thought of the open fire at home, and how you must have enjoyed it some of these cold nights. Allie used to say why not put on @ five sticks instead of @ four

From Aggie (As
Daughter) in Camden.
Has sailed.
Good bet about
boat excursion from
Bangor

to work to hard.

Horace told me that you had not sold your potatoes yet. If they are not ~~rotting~~ rotting any hold out to them a while. I think you will get @ good price by & by.

Christ Father you would visit Mr Collins some time in regard to discharging that Mortgage. I have asked him about it @ number of times, he says now that it cant be done unless he can see that Ellis and have him go before Justice of the peace and have it acknowledged as discharged. or something of that kind. I think it has run long enough, and it is time to look after it. Jennie sends love to all, also myself, your son also, Rich

How does the well of water hold out? People here are complaining of their wells. Some have to draw their stock @ long distance to water. I hope it is not so in your case. I see Ned is in the dry goods business. Is he going to stay with Cary all winter?

I am glad he has got @ chance to earn something this winter, besides he will enjoy being at the village when he can be with the young folks. The farm being so far from the village, it is rather dull in the winter season, for @ young man, but I guess Ned enjoys being home on the farm in the summer. By the way, Father can you see me any thing about the John

Clark farm just below the Parson place. It seems that he sold the place on the east side of the road to @ Mr Hutchinson who committed suicide, on the other side he had built buildings, but I do not know whether they amount to much or not and had mortgaged the same for one hundred and sixty five dollars to @ Mr Kimball I think who lives near Easton centre. Now he wishes to mortgage the same @ gain for one hundred & twenty five dollars, more which will make @ second mortgage, and wants it two years and offers 10% what I wanted to know was whether the property is worth enough to let that small amount or when their