

and I shall expect a full description
of the Cattle Show when that comes off
if you get time to attend it -

Remember me always as
Your very affectionate

Brother

Routland

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My dear Brother Sallie

I received your good
long letter - written & directed wholly
by yourself - this morning and hasten
to answer you - I am very glad to
hear from you - very glad that you are
enjoying yourself so well and making
so good progress in your studies - Be
very careful that you understand
everything in your Arithmetic thoroughly -
and I have no fear but that you will
get through it quick enough -

This is the first time that you have
been so far from home at school
and I will mention some things
which will be of great use to you
in gaining the good opinion of your
schoolmates and the villagers. Don't stop
much at the stores when you go & come
from school - If you do stop - hear the

Others talk and offer no opinion yourself.
In this way you will find out what
others know - and add to much knowledge
to your own -

It is now Thursday and if you do
not write me tomorrow as soon as you
receive this - You had better put it off
till next Monday night - and then tell
me who they send representative from
Wayne & also tell me the news from
home if you go there on Saturday as
I suppose you generally will -

There have been two fire companies
under my window a part of the afternoon
and kept me from studying - One was
from Lynn Mass & the other from Bath -

They were a fine looking lot of men
and had very tidy uniforms - The
Boston Cornet Band is with the Lynn Co -
and the Bath B. B. with their own -

They have been playing alternately
all the afternoon and in this clear
atmosphere, cleared by last night's

tempest - the music sounds beautifully -
I can hear it now away down street
brought along by the north wind -

I suppose Charles came down to
Quarterns yesterday and I shall expect
to see or hear from him in a day or two -

The Democrats are making great
exertions to carry the State at the election
next Monday - and their prospects are
a great deal better than they were a
fortnight ago - because the Whigs -
Morrell men, & Free Soilers will not stick
together - The Know Nothings will vote
for Mr. Morrell - which will increase
his vote somewhat - as they number
nearly ten thousand in this State -

If you don't know what I mean by
the Know Nothings tell me, and I
will explain in my next as nearly
as I can - Remember me to Anna
& Louisa & Mrs. Lapson & Mary if
they inquire - I am glad to hear
anything about your school & scholars