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West Point August 1st 1860

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My dear Cousin

I enclose you what I suppose you will find on opening Mr. Gubbins Miss French's cards as Mother & myself had one the same day with an invitation to the wedding which takes place the 4th at Mr. Wells Chappel at the falls.

I think Mother's health improves here she seems stronger than when she first came up here and the doctor says her Liver is better I begin to feel strong hopes that ~~the~~ the treatment that she is pursuing is the only one that will help her and hope & think that she will be quite well by next year. I hope you are enjoying your sail on this summer and wish I could join you but I do not think it do to leave mother alone.

I have the promise of a ship by the 1st of September providing I will take a small interest in it and I think if you are still willing to let me have 1000th that I shall get her she is owned by Mr. Tupper. If you see any one that would like to invest in a ship or if you can benefit me in that way I know you will do it and

I shall feel under a great obligation to
you as I always shall for your past kindness
to myself & mother.

Give my love to Lizzy & the children
also to your mother & all friends at Leeds till
John Harrison that he owes me a letter
and if he wants me to write him he must
answer. Give my love to Min & Helen also
to uncle Erasmus.

I am enjoying my self very much
here the Officers & paragon on the Fort
are as polite as we could wish Mr
Roberts is very attentive. Mr Wright
calls often he still carries on your Sunday
School. I have been down once and took
a class I should go often but there is a
plenty of teachers.

Miss Emily Bernard is to be married
to Mr Reed the 1st September

I do not know of any news so I
will close with much love & remembrance

your affectionate Cousin

J. P. Lee

~~Ray Report~~ God disposes.
I try to leave all with
him & prepare not to
be disappointed. if Hee
should hinder & thwart
my poor plans - I would
like to have one of yr
discourses directed to
young converts - & one
to the "dead in trespasses
& sins".

Your affectionate Brother
Rowland -

The "Certificate" is given after
five days notice. I will hand
you the fee - 50. cts. Will you
please R -

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Harpwell August
7th 1860

Dear Bro. Olin

Will you please
to apply to the Town Clerk
for a Certificate of intention
to Mary & bring it with
you when you come. You
need not mention it to
any one else & Town Clerks
can keep mum. Be careful
about the names. Mine
is Rowland Bailey &c & my
intended was Christened
Mary Ellen. I am sorry
to say - At this matter
is essential. I hope it will
come out right. I heard
from Ella yesterday. She
complains of dyspepsia &
her mother of Summer com-
plaint - but I hope their

Troubles are temporary - I
will go over to Bath the first
of the week. Unless I
hear from you in the con-
vey. I will give notice that
you will address the people
here a week from next Sabbath.

I had a good Sabbath. Think
I will exchange next Sat.

Have just returned from
visiting some families on
Orin Island where I staid
last night. Can't you
come down Friday. Write
when you will come & we
will try to meet you
at Brunswick.

Dr Quincy caused Lizzie
Patten to have one good
night's rest & Ellen thinks
she will go & spend some
time with him in Sept.

Everybody wants you to
preach here & everybody
enjoys the prayer meeting.

No new indications of
interest. I am trying to
get a Deacon chosen & a
good subscription made for
a regular minister. Pray
for me. Give my love
to Lizzie, Mother, Father,
Charles, Lellie & the dear
children. I will expect
to see them all at Bath
the 1st. If Lellie & Charles could
come to Brunswick Monday
& go down Tuesday morn.

Father & Mother can go
directly to Capt. Patten's. So
Lizzie & the children - they
will expect all & I hope
Lizzie will get there before
even. She would be at home
on such an occasion.

Ellis

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Bath Aug. 7th 1860

Dear A. C.

I received your
note this afternoon, and went
down directly, and bought the
silk - will send it by Express.
I can think
of some other better way to send
it - I got at \$1.15 a yard - \$2.87 1/2
\$3.15 - \$2.87 1/2 = 12 1/2 which
I will send you with the silk.
if it doesn't go by Express - If
it does, why, that will just
pay for it, and we shall be
square -

If you go out to that parcel,
a week from next Sunday, why
won't Lizzie and the children,
come here & stay the remaining
time? We would like to have them
very much, and it will not be

Good day morn. - I will
send the package by
Express, Friday - It will
be the Express, & sent
away. I think -

Ellis.

inconvenient at all. Please tell
your father & mother, and the
rest - that we can accommodate
them all, the night before the
grand affair - but they will
have to be packed pretty closely!
And so will you all. We expect
them all to come here -

I am glad Hannah is so well -
I hope all the sickness is
fairly over now. Papa has
gone to Portland, to the Bell &
Constitution Convention & I don't know
what's come of Papa. I'm sure -
I'm sure with love to Lizzie,
Charles, & all -

Eliza

Bath Aug. 10. 1860

Dear Mother

I reached in Lopham on
 & change yesterday & came down here
 this morn. Am glad you can be in
 Harpwell next Sabbath. I wish you
 would write. if you have not already
 when you will come. If I do not hear
 from you. you must look out for a passage
 down Sat. P.M. Perhaps Mr. Eaton will
 be up. I hope Lizzie & the children
 will come to Brunswick. Helen is very
 desirous to see the children - Guy particular-
 ly - Mary Russell (Mrs. Patten's girl) is sick
 with a sore hand. This rather disables
 them - Long to hear that Sellie is now
 well. I shall be disappointed if all my
 Brothers are not at our Wedding. - I suppose
 Sellie will stay down - as the Term will
 commence so soon. - Perhaps Mr. Chas.
 had better come to Brun. Monday &
 come down to Bath Tues. morn. Give my love
 to Nettie. She will find a note enclosed.
 Love to Mother. If she & Father come
 by car to Brunswick we can meet

them there Monday = Please see that
Uncle Ensign looks nicely if you can =
Hope there is no mistake about the
Certificate. you did not mention
receiving my letter about it = I will
return to Kearswell by the middle
of the week. Ella sends love to
all. She is not very well

your aff. Bro:

Kentland
Ella did not know that "Nettie"
was at Leeds as her invitation
would have gone in the package =

Kentland

Wm. M. Merrill

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My dear Otis

I have kept my
weather eye open for an invest-
ment for your money and
now have one which promises
well - so send on the money
as soon as you like - It is

in a Sutaran Passenger
R. way which I think will
pay well.

I hope you will let us
hear from you before long.
Maria was well frightened
when she heard what was
the matter with you and
feels very thankful that no
evil resulted from the
vicinity of such a dangerous
disease.

Write to Ronald a few days
since inviting him & wife to pay
us a visit when they are on their
wedding tour - Maria called
on Mrs. Crenshaw & Jappan after

she got home. Mrs I said
she intended inviting them to
pay her a visit so between the
two houses I hope Holland
will find sufficient induc-
ements to try the experiment.

We hear from Wallace that
Grandfather arrived safely
but is failing, my impression
is that he will not get to

Phila again. I saw him for
a moment on my return
trip - while at Cambridge.

I suppose you have heard
that we encountered Tension
& Warren & Woodman on board
the Rutland boat. Uncle
Ensign was with them and
recognised me - otherwise I
presume we should not have

become ~~known~~ so each other
as Maria has grown so much
since they saw her last.

Give my love to Mrs S and
the little ones whom I hope
are all well.

We are flourishing like green bay
trees - Maria had a touch
of dysentery for a day or so
but is mending rapidly.

Let me hear from you soon and
tell us how the Crestles are
Mrs G was just on the point
of returning to W.P. when Maria
passed there, her children a
being sick.

Very truly & affly
W H Merrick

as not look forward to it with
any degree of certainty.

Peru left her a fortnight ago
for Matanzas with a cargo
of salt, and from then will no
doubt go to New York. He has
a good vessel, and I hope will
make some money this time.
I rather think Bacca was
the only one who made any-
thing out of the Bark. His
commissions &c paid him
well.

Sarah joins me in love to
you all. - Brother Charles
came out in the Shamrock, and
will remain until the next,
we are glad to have him with
us.

Your Aff. Servt

J. J. Layton

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Trafalgar Aug 27. 1860

Dear Eliza

I am so full of
business (Mr Darley being absent)
that I have no time to write
you a letter just now, but
as I have just given a letter
of introduction to Lieut Col
Bourchier (his pronunciation is
Borcher) R. B. Royal Engineers,
I thought I would ask you
a line so that you might
know of his coming. He has
been here as lieutenant of the
Engineer department for about
three years, and in all respect
his reputation very much. He
has won many medals in
the Crimean War, but is one
of the most unassuming men
you ever met, and I hope he

will pay that part a visit,
and if so that he will receive
that attention from the officers
there, that his rank & salary
ought to command, it will
be particularly gratifying to
me if he does, as he is a man
of very liberal ideas and would
highly appreciate attention from
our American officers.

I am very busy, having four
or five weeks on my hands
and about all the work to
attend to. I have recently been
admitted into the firm of
Dawley & Co. and since then
have had all that I could
attend to. Mr. Dawley will
be out in the next steamer
& then I shall be released of
some of my responsibility.

I suppose you have been
at Leeds this summer and
had a good rest. I enjoyed our
visit there last summer very
much, and hope some day or
another to see them all again.
Our summer has been very hot,
but not unhealthy. The children
are troubled with "sticky heat"
a good deal, & poor baby has
been a perfect dot all summer,
but is now getting rid of his
complaints. Sarah has been very
well except her troublesome head
aches, and as for myself I am
bolder than I was three months
ago, and able to undergo quite
an amount of labor. I think
if all goes well with us we shall
go back next summer for a while,
but that is so far ahead that I