Forklown August 20-181-Dear in after my rispects to you I have the pleasure To inform you that I arrived safe hire in one fortnight To day from the time I started from my fathers we that avery pleasant time and a very agreeakele guing water to Provedence from providence to hostfore then to Paug-hkeepice grow their to yorktowin a journey of more than hkeepice grow their to pair through a great worich of five hundred miles + I pair through a great worich of Hauntry many relightful Villages & pleasant farms dury fontile & under high cultication and over some most re-They mountains that epiteted to the eye of the travelen a very dismal seare I arrived at Paughter prese The recidence I my brother dette on sallerday evening found my relations of in Brothers friend is heath on survey forenbor Fattend It Denords Church & in the afternoon the English Church which were new to me and appeared an except of for matility it Tous all "as the requestain fills up sally down Se the - The markit is croused with praduce if each him from the back cours They for twenty on thirty miles which is fintete and rainy protective it is appreciably sean agate with hell and valis and it abounds with fucitor great pleanty and is the han Geomest Country I ever me I repainto commerciate of to where he cound me to be his brother but at first he East Amost inposible that it could be me I you's lacon is a Quentry down zitudie ation t forty miles from flowyork. Tity a your township of land but perhaps as uneven is The lown in main me in general my Brother own to form I've cowsing machine and other built in go und Boing considerable busines I have been here now But a short time but to say that I lette as well is of expected is to speak the truther not with Andered. from the general appearance I suspect that I have cost uncon assign incuttated of des thated hart of the world you will readely come the the tate of society now existing and what of course the enforgements of a person must as roche is form of gave Company your rociety and whishes to

standing - I resume me pleasing work of conition to you at This time and would make use of every fort to concerne you or at least is for as words quite tind still flows with offection for you and while momony continues to whold herseat in this knist of mine the neothethion of your semperhetie and tender friendschep towards mi shall be fresh in my me monys It is true & have quit my notice Banday province my relatives and bosom friends and have wandered to a distant Country leut not at the same time thisting to add to my feticity and ingery ment but perhops you know come of the motions that - returted me to do as I have done and some penhaps me bist known to myself however my adress would be to a person levering among his gave prion & confidents placed in a good society setuntion & and for mily and enjoying a suitable fortune sufficient to cansel all the demands of his applice I tarte to con sole himself on the adrean lugees of his present state & live and die under the mile influence of Content ment and conclude withing his own tereast that he has enjoyed himself as well as any one levering Mohich is fact he has & of we were all commence of it aun enjoyment, wants be much greater than they are at firesent but the our mindrane as fiethle is the wind and no director Con controte them How hand Marcourt 00000 At: Ensign Otis - Stroly Gorth Jaway Sunday Det 25-1814 Omign with pleasure I reknowledge the necept of yours dated at toath a face day dince in which I learned with great satisfunction the well - me of yourself and closs passions in armound with uncommonfealings almost productive

of ellistricity & recived yours from Farming ton which was the first news & has from the east winds which contained many little invidents that added more to my pleasure than can be desceribed or even immodened and it was not through for yetfulnets or my not being memine ful of my distant friend that I have not written be fine but owing to the meetlight City of business on my hand's (left by my Brother and the many tetters I have suretten to the castroand now else where thet as this has been my misportune you will excuse me this once and not follow my eng mple in this respect but write every offertune 14. Coryou are the only purson I dipend on for common and domestic news & wish you to acquaint me with much of these which perhops will seem little or nothing to you but will be of consequence to me of I supper there has been great altiroctions in the feeleng and anticity of the profile since the left there but it is no more than could be expects a of this eventful period I hope that that had the honor to hom my apociates will not be kuchward in defending and common country and in reficking the hostile in water from au shores but go Chearfully and perform there tain of duty wheels is Short and easy to what many of our con ntrymen experience are thave our bud and feel fortune in the quest drame of the work but M' Comb said fortune for wours the brave the militio here have been called in to actual semucie that the Sorgent that around me be ing a portie a low for ind of mine and by my nequest die not return me to the

Commanding officer of course I am clear from mitstandy duty for a time & attend a military school very streetly is the not I had better go prepaire and not to them go and not be preparired - I have had the offer of \$ 75 a quater for teaching a school in this decimity best have dectined the offer I recew a tetter from Havington not long since he had escaped unheart ofter the last teatthe at fort Sie before the British left that place he thinks it is then to one that he gets his proprile Disfigured in this fighting school of have been avery prosperous to far and enjoyed myself as well as I estherted but if I had some of my former aporiates here I could live pay more contented than & do now I have been in perfect health since I left home Joth and my relations here are all well wish you prosperily and contentment in a suldiers like and have you will pays your time as all reable & such a state will above you have to your apputainity of studing on any other amuse ment you have a mind to in play yourself. steart those that as to what send for them you must more your will and qualitude than my per conteseribe - Shake hands with all my good friends for me to write immidially of close in husto OD your ever true friere haw hour the Multing H. Ensign Mis Lesde County of Finnela D. Marine Ekskill Jee 30 - 1815 Beloved Friong once more I am face used with a moment to admise you of my situation and to renew our formen con ispondence whech to my great surprise and negnet had been discontenued and for what reason I have thought it was beyond human indeention to determin

many havers have I pufed in solitury retirement anying to myself did & leave any friends behind me and of down why are they so und mindful as to remy me the privilage of percenny a few lines from my notice country but it with great filesure that I find that the faith of which I complain is not yours . This day a gentlemon handed me a letter from a Distant past office when it has mistaried Water of Garmington december the 20 heat not withstand ing the antimior you will readily combine that it was nor unwelcome news when I inform you it is the only intermation I have receive from the East for more Than four month - I will inform you now of my sitintion on portion and life since my last which purhop will be among your first inqueres ofter my towther netweened I sought for an au oportion that we will be more burn time and hearing that the dhool in This reillage was reasont of made of plicoteon and procured it for one question ofter paping an epaminution ley a leaund of inspectors appointed by the. Atate to bring into exition a new law for the reg. - utation of commonschools - I greatter myself 2 flotten myself that I enceded is a way satisfactory to my in players my finst quater terminated type weeks ago on which I received \$118 for the thistion of the scholors under my care gt is the most profitable situit in weather ther county - but the worder taking is at stended with so much perform the office ofter the termin Tion of the second quarter which I commined on me nday tout the willige of prahakill consists of some hunored houses and more than twenty stores and accom Wated with avery commodious haven from which while the never is open are hight in then stoop

continuaty sailing Pransporting produce & paseny ins to the City of Newyork this wellage stands on the bast bank of the hidson about 33 miles from Dought while and a leout so above Newyork J. levan in a fintert & respectable formily who live stilish in every since of the work the I have generally speaking bur in perfect health since I left Leer I winited ecourd & beth tast auch who were both well Extent & have not heard from for about six weeks he was then at this Hall on Lake Champlain and in good health should t not return to main this summer which it is posible I may tent not very probable I shall Enter into the montantile line of businep in company which may prolong my start in yestistate for ylows Insign if you will but in mayin your If in a Distant Bacantry among strangers you can form a feint idea of the rotes partion wheil would be reanimoted in my basom if I could but recive a reisit from some of my former friends on school maits ghegon calculate to settle for like in main I think it a thing of queat and very expedient that you should wit some part of the united that of the gove never have while you are yet a yong man it will not be time and money thrownaway but on the other hand it will be productive of many great adventages you will not any obsence the definent customs habits morners and procheris of every claps of people that well have an oppertunity of regulating your own by never sing the errors of the lead and following the good es apples our superiour who distinguist themselves in the ar mels of our beloved country I I should be very happy To woit when you at and day hour or minuita which if I continue in this country I hope I thall have the honor of doing

you must write to me an medi stely and continue to write without waiting to receivery one from me faile not to write me wery month if not oftener you hear This ways probably from me but I receive nothing from main sheept your I your tast is of great. In fort to me Kemember me to my be tober poments I family to the nighto uning family, and all HA Comign This field Querty of Semmele To. miner 55 Charpertice Friend as it so providentially hoppend while studying in away to prepairing ourselfber to set out in the world that we became come what internate and did enjoy ourselves at that age of our lives more hillity and liveling peulion to aurachus and of this perio atthis we are now o prived of the and wantages of personal liberty into money und rocial chat yet with great relactance I relinquish this inpryment and with much pleasure resu me my per aquealite to your request and coincident with my awn inclination to acquoient you with my welfare and dituation is life - it is true I have lift my netitives confidents and bosom friends and wundered to a distant Country among chrongers of all conreptions some goed had and instifferent as they are of courses in any country what even let it be represented in the best lite it can but to thate facts I can say that the quester clup of people in This country have accomplishments pucking to the yankes there are some few of the fair espiritly that have perfected them selves in the nues a ment of there be hourioun as to de postement habits and how and morners comeident with genteet life ~ I have spent sume govel haver in compomy with those of this destriction but some of my time There appropriated to a neval retreat an some lonely not to amuse myself in need eng or in contin plation of my pust on future lip as for the pormer farm the time 2 and you first my enjoyments has been as queat as of

could with and for knows that the fines fealings of my heart callo forth quester acts of qualitate to my your friends than my four com perform ~ I lift Levor on the 9th of August and arrived here in one firtright I went immediately into buse nep for my knother in a stune he went to main soon ofter my anni rook which of course compines me entirely and which manders me incopor belo of making of making obsertions on The country at present & now have the offer of gy 5 a Quater to hack a suport it is more thour probable that I shall once more unit take This dis agreeable our pation as the togethe with other busines I will attend to will mak my det ination very promising - If you will have The gave met to write me Quaill inform you from time to time of my life and the country where Induinside " in my poor browhen way " I must drow to a close lit requesting you to give my amilies and shake heres for me with all that know me I am with great Rishat and esteem yours &. &. Kandund Will would He Millfund Vorton Angusta Jorthelow Liftember 301 14 14 Jood Frished with pleasure & coquerty in prove this to arguint you of my welfuse and hope to necesse frequeintly in return a necompense in the same way I arrived here say in a font night from the time of mover from Leids we were powo and with beautiful weather and had arvery jove time saw many fretty free, Detightful willight and pleasant farmes of welled at Eastern where I had ght school but wenter and pust law or there Sue mings is away percelear to my taste inclination and like ing I like wise have been for aured with com-Sounds of this kind since Jarni we in this place my to nother hoveing a good show of horse and a course Touble horse rougges which is the only pleasure cart an have in this country we lack in sfull camplaiment if your women whole about Eight miles to a quat Camp meeting where were recene collected some

Show sond, of people at the least calculation a we past. that duy evening and some evenings since perhops as hiely as of ever did in main of the state facts I can say that I like as well as I in preter and an perfectly Continto the people deffer here much from those of main there are two gene rod clupes of people which are no ways similar one is of requilor hatets and to terath informed tent the lower chipes are very Dis aport and of low habits but some allowence is to be made or my business lies these people to my arguisentime men Thur any other I almost forgot to informage that I had the good fortune of intering in to the wine of with my trother is his store when genpeut to com time for some months And outertedly your will have received finformation of the copture of duashington ex this arrives to your have ~ I will ssure you it has caused an mimatio spinit of resentment one noused the potnostism of the people He such a Degree that almost every moon is on the thent textures tharty one farty thousand men me now is notwork service on the vecinity of Newyork Bety and the militer are ordered and now more hing from all ports of the state they more with energy and patriation becomeing mericun soldier, I After wishing you prosperity and hopping I must I white a close by requesting you to write the first yours for for hunder find White here to Thomas indered Lesde County of Simule D. Maine

pukskill guly " - 18.18 Dear trother seister It is with the greatest pleasure & avail myself of this apportunity of uniting which I have long delayed in hopes of receiving a line from Leeds you tittle think while you are theme hussely employed in your Tomestic consums of the great and which when cises you distant friend and tow then realitie to your heatthe and welfase - I have heard not a word sine knowing B Linday amined in this place and then were made Surprised when on wheny him I found not one that for my self nor trothers he annived here in gover herth and the inits about sit weeks age and immediately sepa med to the dacture where he has remained ever since at work Theore from sells a five weeks ago but not from Evered for more than sit weeks he was then in Alataburg in tolerable health Ward hus tote all his possessions in youthan and noved his effect to The village the first of best may the eccond quater I taught what in this willarge was there in the and I thought it a very promising opportunity for me to go into some mon active tensine for we rented The best aland & sotone in this town at one hendred dellars a year the interest into hand ner ships abound agreeing to put in here thirds of the stock and I are and draw the perophils accordingly we tought in new York when we began 4.000 Dollart worth of goods we have and shall keep that starts good I went down to the city for the perpare of punchareing youds but week and had the plussure friend the seliteration on the 4 inst which was very splended surpaying any thing of ever sow of the histoleton It is nearly a great und etigant lity I had lake win The pleasure of second the sterm prigget more nain teattery with a heavy discharge of hur guns you will mendely supor we have as much kunnep Is we can attend to when I inform you

lake some days some hindred & beride what we charge Owing to my amall constructions and poor state of health I confine myself mostly to day your which is very bury but very clean and lite work I have hadrons very severe hurns of pain and eaching this spring and have lost some flesh but of late I think I have retretto some I make it a prove tice now to ride out a small distance every day I have been under the mutity of leavening the former boarding house it being so for from the store which I much regret Altho my self & Krothis now boar in a nerry good house Att has bos out his partner in the furniseand is now verry prosperous I feal under queat antivity about my fatters conserns but it is wholly inposible for me to have been any advantage to him on the farm had I returned last spring I have not done one daugs y to return Ound upon will readily conclude it was not possible for Ward to leave this country other being a merchant here for more than four eyears and arean nts standing to a great a mount and many no one Bould collect but himself and be ade he is very well situates among a numerous trains of Triends and auguaintance which if he remain in this country probably weild condusive to his adreance ment and station is life - much more but the coppy is lost of closes what Aliteman Howard Seed Moulum Hittoward Cerenty of Finnebuck (D. Maire,

Caston Ducember 11-1813 Beloved Brother -With uner prepable felicity of avail myself of this opportunity of conting but not with standing what I write mary be irrequ lear and unnatural in its form and destitue of the semple mules of composition and ather quali Ties that would render it pleasing to the reader But it is to be hoped that it will must with a kind reception as it proceeds from a well meaning heart - It is with pleasure that I can anno une to you that our reliticus and friends are cuch is Bridquester encept Granema whice it has please un omnific God latter a long and laborious life denoted to the particular care and attention of of her domestics to confine her to her bed about Taux months which the seems to buse putient ty - her ai wher it is thought will terminate her this tome - I light home alcour the mide of actaber the people there were injoying good health - Aurelia cume to Bridg water with me and is there now very well withen the we some chfu et lo un you here as you worte you were comming to Boston But I have not become any thing from you sinv nor from home sine I came from there I shunte be extrementy pleased to see you here and have you accompany me home for Tenpert to retur i next spring if Too not aller my mine ,

I am now in Easton thanking a sector the fuctory it is avery large se hout of six ty scholars it in plays the most of my time while the day lasts but I have some haven hours which I approp. riate to the study of the teatter Language on in turning our the instruction pages of some historian in one that I muy benefit at some future period from such neceptany and useful sience - Fear hing a se hoat is not an anotration that pleases me but I am in a dituation which the tis me to do for me necessity what I would not ou from choice - I wrote a served to you while at Bridy unter test refitember which under the ly you have never I came up then with a owce of Cottle and the last time with a cover of home which I have rate one of them I have ound a least sit months but three years all for which I had one hundred dollars My Father is comeing after Runelia in the count the Thinter we have heard most horned news relating to the Treatment of prisoners at Lucher the story of which would atmost quite hears of blood from the eyes of a there if all The aunews of pufpion were not shut against it a quest number of yours and my acqueentane are Ahen comed to wante the bloom of this quette in the obvinte clutches d'un retenting tyrand -Many of your argunatione sine you left Lido have become in habitun of the wound of spirits of those I now recentlent are Abigut Linding Claripa Lamb Benus Lamb Eli Minich States Franis vers thought to be on the last stages of consumities me likemin Anhabor Lindsup was failing

avery fast fames Lindsug and Lydia Lume une published and it is expected that Luther Labiter will take gernime O will I mit all ather matrimonial storys untils I see you which I hope will be soon for when you wrote you deserved you had nothing to herden qui from wracing but the soling at your departure but I think your interinded in magination chayeroutes the folly of the people you must excuse my gesting - that Bridghum burght a school one quarter at the school house new ong fut hers and burner at our house logether with seven in eight it was sad to be in excelent re had Die nut Atensi on account of aller busines teut the most of the young people of the neighbour hove aunt and some scholars out of lovers -Travis Francis attended it and hus been nading veryile all summer when he was able wish your No write to me amedentely ofter you need This whether your come on not and inform me of Everet and wand I have not here any thing from burnet sime to left you give my rispetts to them and all relitive and friends there and nerve the same yourself -At Sette Harman Poughthepic Murlanot Mundand

Allshill Action 23-1815 Ofin) This will apprize you that I am get in the land of the living acting my part in This while world with freatth and prosperity and not withstanding the destance that seperates us I um yet mendful of you und my former faires Whom I have post so omvery With fill hours with · Tind maw with an imprepion that a line from me would be acceptable Miche the liberty to imploy re leasure moment in whiting my welfare and giving you proop of my good will for yours I have lived well since I saw you with enough To eat think and wear and other factours requisit To pleasure and happinip in This discipitor world That the good fortuine from the time I ame into This country to get into busines both Proffitable and adriventuquous for improvement in Ducation and burnep of Experiel you probably well Recollect my raying in Days of our intomany. that we might shortly repperate and deso lie acquaintame but about was then only a vision is more a reality But notwethstanding argunan - tune Can not now be cutte norte between us Let us not neglect the more necessary friend thip by ading to the pleasure and hoppinep of each Athen with the facour of a few lines which

To me when I receive that faceour is very interes - ling and presume that a covis pondene will not be wholly dis interesting to you -When Incues a letter from my native Place it gives me more pleasure thors any moments I pop But seld om it is that Incence that from one At is probable you have fount my rite ation before by letters Thouse wrote to my friends I am Doing much businep with mercountile line My Brother Man is Sherffel & Justice of the Peace He has some Day's five or sip Courts a Day Conseque ently the core of the store mostly devolves on me that I have apistance good patt of the Gime Therefore my tack is not hard I My Brothirs and friends here are ale itet in good health wich Forter willed upon is last Sateath but with give us no tate news from home he said he was going on to Butti more - - -Give my love and Amilies to all good friends I shall wisit you whe I can the ford willing Give my Pusherts in particular to Drign tell him if he has not forgoten me to write me one better and be so governes to do the same quemeloof Your good Friend Noroland BHoward Mr. Cychico Stinetite Leer Courty Thenman Mary Contraction of the

Peches hills statest g- 1815 Ensited It is allways with pleasure that Tadente you but on I am that to the musity of nyunting once more some information from The East ward - It has learn if Do not mistake four or five months wine I heard one word from home - you well know my anticty for The weerfor of my friends and I can not but Consider them unfeating if they negter the Amale Park of penning a five lines for my information - But I will complain no more at present but hope fore the better - I now for my awn fortenjoy to level health like wire Mart Att the latter Fristed have weeks up and found him as prosperous in his busines as Settented he newed a letter about the fourth of July from Everet who was the at Platts bury doing well -And as for the particulars of myself which you Die you always wished me to write is that have done time hing school where I believe A was imployed when Invole you tast and have Intered into the mintantite busines in partnerthy with my Bowther thand which supportion I like Atreemby well not with tanding the quet anticity you must know of course attends it especially if it be a your man just setting forward in the we. No when your or bad monagement will materily inpure or promote him through the next of this - My auquantomes in this Courtry are The My auguantimes in the conversant Nel

Mutto womany new naries it has caused me to porget many of the mirmes of my former acquaint ane whom promons Iporfectly well recollect. I now loand in a very good hause near our stone and pury love dollars and a half her week for my baard epetusive of my washing which assivants to fifty bents per week Generally and my other expenses would be thought an udirable in Maine - But this fact is certain money. is easier to be pottamed on this country than it is in that leat it is epopully cintains it will go tent very tittle ways if you expend it eithe for fancy or newpity - We have two learnon in the house teath yeary men, one a student at Law The others a mentunt who make our society very pleasing white at home - Meand is oppointed questice of the beau and has received his committee and qualified to the office he is doing and like to Do good Deal of leverines as a further which office is much more lumitive than it is in Maine as there is Accordy a day that what there are more a left -Further dourts in this withing -flood and I tout saball went and for a Chain ride and wisite that Bailings 15 miles from this place where we see Revuland B Sinding who cons well and tolerably well with the has reented his horses fleash and has leven at work for the About ever sine he arrived in this state I think, it very likely he will return out & year -I wish to woit you very much but canout at Brestot do not ngot my unit to this canotry as I muive muny Downthings here that Inever

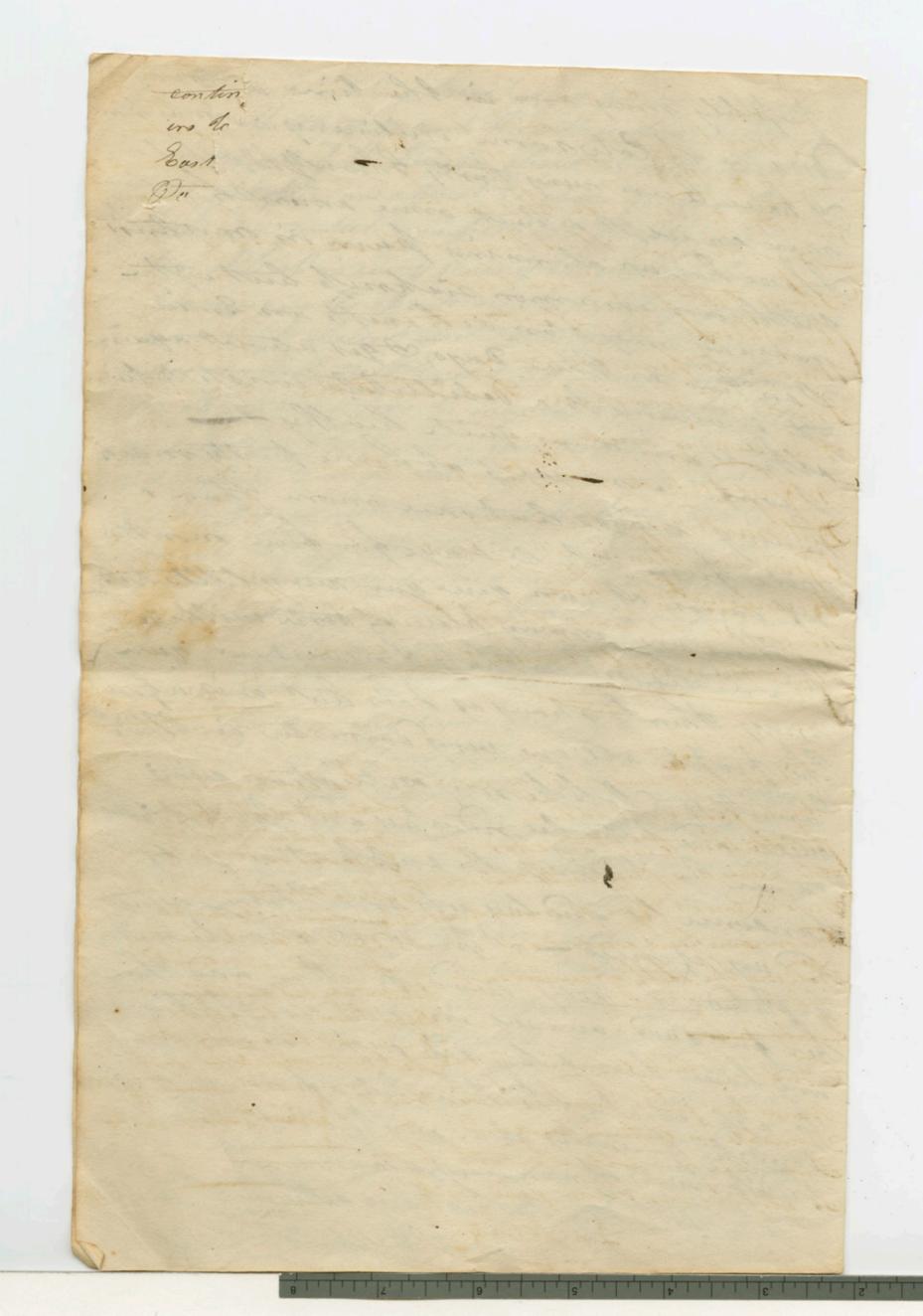
Caul aryun there and perhaps an teitter set ante for cometant and enjoyment thanmany of my hinds Proteider I am blest with her the At is proleable my townents worsidered that my leavery hime was a detriment to them but they may rest asur in that it will not be in the end - Give this my love and all the family like wire the start & churchin I all those that injure of my welfure burlin I have long estputed to write and like min yourself which thope you will with out fuil after read This inform me of the deaths removals and moriages line your bust - you must aucht my best Muchor your property and happing OH- Consign Olds Lees County of Finmlin (A Main D Outskie outbor - 18×5 I was highly pleased a few days since whin a featherman ume into our thom and presented me with you complainints whome he said he had seen a few days before - you lan not immugin how much the news of one of my internation forgione of dive interest me I drew from the man all he could bele which was but lettle at most only you was in Lyons and has made a Third -I was surprised you Did not visit me it the time your or prof the nice - which I suppose was not for abave this willage

But I suppose you was on your yourney and could make no Mp. I have heard nothing from Lews with in has or three months But the lost news I had the people Mure all well and Flow rshing I came to this willage tast fall which probably you hear before I Hught school here leves quarters and Receive one hundred thoceans for each - My Brother Ward Toto his possepions in yortetowon five meles from This and mound here the first of april whin my School how terminute I intered into prominestich in a store with him where we have been dor ing much Busines wor since - The Village of Pectiskill Stands on the east Bank of The Dann Biller atout fifty miles aleave nurfork City and tromy five miles Believe New Burgh and thety five from Porcy hleepsie At is a very pleasantly ditauted how of nout two fundred houses - I live renny agreeably in a good society of young poople I find money pleasityle her than on mine But much caryon ofsent -The chimite here is warm mito and healthy and tent little snow in the winter level of suspect Lyon's lies to par north that the ch' - mate Ditter but little from that of Leeds You can immyn by gow own et hered my fealings when I tigt my mative country

When come into a Distant land among accontinue to But I have been fring fortunate a hear - Dus sime I have been here and st- is nothing wish that you may be equally fortunate you will find your Bountry warigate with pour is every Quinter likerain advantages and dis - ad vantages you where you will - ----But me that is certain that a moin must be uter noute to live in this work - I had a letter from Humington a few Days since herens Then at saiteth Hawbeir in you health and Thinks Furt Theme returned to Lects in the north of guly - Sumuel do write me immediately often Buway this and inform me aface the news when you tigt Luds afour at friends of the barintry where you now live and how you like living Leves and we the removals from there with all the deaths in Monnaiges Give my best com plaiments to your father and all the fumily here Them Ward Letter myself are all ingood health actucht of my best wishes for your prosperity your friend & school mate Ma Samuel der Bawlind Blund Lyons - - -

Could a Puter 1815 my fo With pleasure I present your pypelf to my beloved bayments and be on upured that I feal particularly interests for your well fare & happings at the Consequine of my absence be what it may I have long delayed unting hoping to receive a line from home But an antrows omind and a belig that it would not be rispleasing he you to larn the welfore of your distourt Children prompts me to unite Sevenet arrived in this Willays in ateant fourteen days from Leve has bounded with ward & myrel ever since which is hight on nine weeks he is in perfect health and huse point Mands mine and many when pristures in This place tent talks of leaving This for negetforthe Dity som Litte continues yet to Alumists with, much burnep on his hunds Bundand Lindong has you to overce and work for him in the gurnace and is many well contented Miland & mugul Continue of usual Dairy much busen of and have ingoged any sellers ettreemty well since Event has lower with us thand will procealed lung a property in this willage in the course of this winter and

populely may in the him withins Viscour of tate some inclinent such behind I have been very turty throught ful as mer et ucht a bout ome amonth. w lines There had an alumning puin is orongten's with in common sicknep but after rensuing my stomvis to with un Emice Den how on there Dugo Ages about again At is owing to a debituted constitution Altho I and more quite heathy having unor but once more than a mile from the village for five months of invose I can give you very little horing no There are muny places of that within five or six miles that I never your muy think shany of this tent is is a faul The people all one very domester in Mus Country Clike my situation very mile and hope by industry and shut of plai Enter the busines to antiput myself handone by and buy up something right a duy of new - I present myself with gratute to my good mother and thank her for good coursel in my you the days and have time by in experience how to apprehiate the lein ful of many end Domestin Gunours of a mothe which aperon is whrow of among otaunyour mith Due Puspert and esteend un your Bulifal 200 Piter Marines



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7	8/20/1814	From: Rowland B Howard	To: Mr Ensign Otis	
	H-0e01a	Yorktown	Leeds	
Sour	ce: Bowdoin			

Yorktown August 20, 1814

Dear Sir

After my respects to you I have the pleasure to inform you, that I arrived safe here in one fortnight to a day from the time I started from my fathers - had a very pleasant time and a very agreeable journey. We traveled from Leeds to Portland to Boston, through Bridgwater to Providence from Providence to Hartford. Then to Poughkeepsie from there to Yorktown - a journey of more than five hundred miles. I past through a great variety of Country, many delightful villages & pleasant farms very fertile & under high cultivation and over some most reched mountains that exibeted to the eye of the traveler a very dismal scene. I arrived at Poughkeepsie the residence of my brother Seth on Saturday evening found my relations and my Brothers friends in health.

On Sunday forenoon I attended Wm Donards Church & in the afternoon the English Church which was new to me and appeared an excess of formality. It was all "as the <iregov> said Gitty up setty down &c &c."

Poughkeepsie is very hansomely situated and the market is crowded with produce of every kind from the back Country for twenty or thirty miles which is fertile and very productive. It is agreeably inundated with hill and valies and it abounds with fruit in great pleanty and is the handsomest country I ever saw. I repaired immediately to this town found Ward in health and very pleased to see me when he found me to be his brother. But at first he could not recognize my features and it appeared to him for a time a thing almost imposible that it could be me.

Yorktown is a country town situated about forty miles from Newyork City a good township of land but perhaps as uneven as the towns in Maine are in general. My brother owns a farm & a cording machine and other buildings and is doing considerable business. I have been here now but a short time but to say that I like as well as I expected is to speak the truth. Noting this landscape from the general appearance I suspect that I have cast among uncultivated & disipated part of the world. You will readily conclud the state of society now existing and what of course the enjoyments of a person must be who is fond of good company, good society and whishes to devote his time to cultivate his mind and enlarge his understanding.

I resume the pleasing work of writing to you at this time and would make use of every effort to convince you or at least as far as words will lend. To the confirmation of any truth that my bosom still glows with affection for you and while memory continues to hold her seat in this brest of mine the recollection of your simpathetic and tender friendship towards me shall be fresh in my memory. It is true I have quit my native province my relatives and bosom friends and have wandered to a distant country but not at the same time thinking to add to my felicity and enjoyment but perhaps you know some of the motives that actuated me to do as I have done and some perhaps are best known to myself. However my advise would be to a person being among his good friends & confidents placed in a good society situation &c and family and enjoying a sutuble fortune sufficient to consel all the demands of his appetite & taste to console himself on the advantages of his present state & live and die under the mite influence of contentment and conclude within his own breast that he has enjoyed himself as well as any one living. Which in fact he has & if we were all concerned of it our enjoyment would be much greater than they are at present but our minds are as fickle as the wind and no director can control them.

Rowland B Howard

[To:] Mr Ensign Otis Leeds

14 10/23/1814 *From:* Rowland B Howard

Yorktown

To: Mr Ensign Otis

RBH-0e01b

Source: Bowdoin

Leeds County of Kennebec D. Maine

Yorktown Sunday Oct 23 - 1814

Ensign

with pleasure I acknowledge the receipt of yours dated at Bath a few days since in which I learned with great satisfaction the welfare of yourself and companions in arms and with uncommon feelings almost productive of ellectricity. I received yours from Farmington which was the first news I had from the east and which contained many little incidents that added more to my pleasure than can be described or even imagined and it was not through forgetfulness or my not being remindful of my distant friend that I have not written before but owing to the multiplicity of business on my hands (left by my Brother) and the many letters I have written to the eastward and elsewhere but as this has been my misfortune you will excuse me this once and not follow my example in this respect but write every opportunity. So you are the only person I depend on for common and domestic news. I wish you to acquaint me with much of these which perhaps will seem little or nothing to you but will be of consequence to me.

I suspect there has been great attentions in the feeling and anxiety of the people since I left there but it is no more than could be expected at this eventful period. I hope those that I have had the honor to know my associates will not be backward in defending our common country and in repeling the hostile invader from our shores but go chearfully and perform their tour of duty which is short and easy to what many of our countrymen experience. We all have our bad and good fortune in the great drama of the world but M. Comb said fortune favours the brave. The militia here have been called in to actual service but the Sergeant that warned me being a particular friend of mine and by my request did not return me so the commanding officer of course & I am clear from military duty for a time. I attend a military school very strictly and think I had better be prepaired and not go than go and not be prepaired.

I have had the offer of \$75 a quarter for teaching a school in this vicinity but have declined the offer. I received a letter from Stonington not long since. He had escaped unhurt after the last battle at fort Erie before the British left that place. He thinks it is Ten to one that he gets his profile disfigured in this fighting school. I have been very prosperous so far and enjoyed myself as well as I expected but if I had some of my former associates here I could live far more contented than I do now.

I have been in perfect health since I left home. Seth and my relations here are all well. I wish you prosperity and contentment in a soldiers life and hope you will pass your time as agreeable as such a state will alow you have a good opportunity of studying on any other amusement you have a mind to employ yourself about. Those that ask what I send for them you must more good will and gratitude than my pen can describe. Shake hands with all my good friends for me. Do write immediately. I close in haste

Your ever true friend Rowland B Howard

Mr Ensign Otis Leeds County of Kennebec D. Maine

16 2/20/1815 *From:* Rowland B Howard

Peekskill

To: Mr Ensign Otis

RBH-0e01c

Source: Bowdoin

Leeds County of Kennebec D. Maine

Peekskill Feb 20 1815 Beloved Friend

Once more I am favoured with a moment to advise you of my situation and to renew our former corespondance which to my great surprise and regret had been discontinued and for what reason I have thought it was beyond human intention to determine. Many hours have I passed in solitary retirement saying to myself did I leave any friends behind me and if I did why are they so unmindful as to deny me the privilege of perusing a few lines from my native country but it with great pleasure that I find that the fault of which I complain is not yours. This day a gentleman handed me a letter from a distant post office wher it had miscaried dated at Farmington December the 20 but not withstanding the interior you will readily conclude that it was not unwelcome news when I inform you it is the only information I have received from the East for more than four month.

I will inform you now of my situation occupation and life since my last which perhaps will be among your first inquiries after my Brother returned. I sought for an occupation that would be more lucrative and hearing that the school in this village was vacant I made application and procured it for one quarter after passing an examination by a board of inspectors appointed by the state to bring into <eximtion> a new law for the regulation of common schools. I flatter myself that I succeeded in a way satisfactory to my imployers. My first quarter terminated two weeks ago on which I received \$115 for the Tuition of the scholars under my care. It is the most profitable school in westchester county but the undertaking is attended with so much perplexity and anxiety it is very probable I shall not perform the office after the Termination of the second quarter which I commenced on Monday last. The village of peekskill consists of some hundred houses and more than twenty stores and accomidated with every commodious haven from which while the river is open are eight or ten sloops continualy sailing transporting produce & passengers to the city of Newyork. This village stands on the East bank of the hudson abut 35 miles from Poughkeepsie and about 50 above Newyork. I board in a genteel & respectable family who live stileish in every sense of the word.

I have generally speaking been in perfect health since I left Leeds. I visited Ward & Seth last week who were both well. Everet I have not heard from for about six weeks. He was then at White Hall on Lake Champlain and in good heath. Should I not return to main this summer which it is possible I may but not very probable, I shall enter into the mercantile line of business in company which may prolong my stay in York state for years. Ensign if you will but imagine yourself in a distant Country among strangers you can form a faint idea of the satisfaction which would be reanimated in my bosom if I could but receive a visit from some of my former friends or schoolmates. If you calculate to settle for life in main I think it a thing of great and very expedient that you should visit some part of the united States that you never have while you are yet a young man. It will not be time and money thrown away but on the other hand it will be productive of many great advantages. You will not only observe the different customes habits manners and practices of every class of people but will have an opportunity of regulating your own by reversing the errors of the bad and folowing the good example of our superiour who distinguish themselves in the annals of our beloved country. I should be very happy to wait upon you at any day hour or minute which if I continue in this country I hope I shall have the honor of doing.

You must write to me immediately and continue to write without waiting to receiving one from me. Fail not to write me every month if not oftener. You hear other ways probably from me but I receive nothing from main except yours & your last is of great interest to me. Remember me to my beloved parents & family to the neighbouring familys and all other Friends.

I am your sincere and good friend Rowland B Howard

Mr Ensign Otis Leeds County of Kennebec D. Maine

11	9/28/1814	From:	Rowland B. Howard	To:	Mr Millford Norton
RBI	H-0e01d		Yorktown		Augusta
Sourc	ce: Bowdoin				

Yorktown September 28 - 1814

Respective Friend

As it so providentially happens while studying in a way to prepairing ourselves to set out in the world that we became some what intimate and did enjoy ourselves at that age of our lives in soubillity and liveliness peculiar to ourselves and at this period altho we are now deprived of the advantages of personal liberty intimacy and social chat yet with great reluctance. I relinquish this enjoyment and with much pleasure resume my pen agreeable to your request and coincident with my own inclination to acquaint you with my welfare and situation in life. It is true I have left my relitives confidants and bosom friends and wandered to a distant country among strangers of all descriptions some good bad and indifferent as they are of course in any country what ever. Let it be represented in the best lite it can but to state facts I can say that the greater class of people in this country have accomplishments peculiar to the yankes. There are some few of the fair especially those that have perfected them selves in the rudement of there behaveiour as to deportment habits customs and manners consistent with genteel life.

I have spent some jovel hours in company with those of this description but some of my time I have appropriated to a rural retreat on some lonely rock to amuse myself in reading or in contemplation of my past or future life. As for the former from the time I saw you first my enjoyment has been as great as I could wish and God knows that the finer feeling of my heart calls forth greater acts of gratitude to my good friend than my pen can perform. I left Leeds on the 9th of August and arrived here in one fortnight. I went immediately into business for my Brother in a store. He went to main soon after my arrival which of course confines me entirely and which renders me incapable of making observations on the country at present. I now have the offer of \$75 a Quarter to teach a school. It is more than probable that I shall once more undertake this disagreeable occupation as this together with other business I could attend to will make my situation very promising. If you will have the goodness to write me I will inform you from time to time of my life and the country where I now reside "in my poor broken way" I must draw to a close by requesting you to give my amities and shake hands for me with all that know me. I am with great Respect and esteem

Yours &c.&c. Rowland B. Howard

Mr Millford Norton Augusta

9 9/3/1814

From: Rowland B Howard

Yorktown

RBH-0e01e

Source: Bowdoin

To: Mr Thomas Lindsay Leeds County of Kennebec D. Maine

Yorktown September 3rd 1814

Good Friend

With pleasure I eagerly improve this to acquaint you of my welfare and hope to receive frequently in return a recompence in the same way.

I arrived here safe in a fortnight from the time I moved from Leeds. We were favoured with beautyful weather and had a very good time, saw many pretty faces delightful villages and pleasant farms. I walked at Easton where I taught school last winter and spent two or three evenings in among peculiar to my taste inclination and likeing. I likewise have been favoured with coincidents of this kind since I arrived in this place. My Brother haveing a good span of horse and a carriage double horse waggon which is the only pleasure cart we have in this country. We lack in a full complaiment of young women. We rode about eight miles to a great Camp meeting where men were collected some thousands of people at the least calculation. We past that day evening and some evenings since perhaps as lively as I ever did in main. To state facts I can say that I like as well as I expected and am perfectly contented. The people deffer here much from those of main. There are two general classes of people which are no way similar. One is of regular habits and tolerable informed but the lower classes are very disapoted and of low habits but some allowence is to be made as my business leads these people to my acquaintance more than any other. I almost forgot to inform you that I had the good fortune of entering into business with my brother in his store where I expect to continue for some months. Undoubtedly you will have received information of the capture of Washington ere this arrives to your home. I will asure you it has caused an animated spirit of resentment and roused the patriotism of the people to such a degree that almost every man is on the alert. Between thirty and forty thousand men are now in actual service in the vicinity of Newyork City and the militia are ordered and now more being from all parts of the state. They move with energy and patriotism becomeing american soldiers.

After wishing you prosperity and happiness I must draw to a close by requesting you to write the first oppurtunity.

Yours &c &c Rowland B Howard

Mr Thomas Lindsay Leeds County of Kennebec D. Maine

18 7/6/1815

5 From: Rowland B Howard

Peekskill

RBH-0e01f

Source: Bowdoin

Peekskill July 6th 1815

Dear Brother & sister

It is with the greatest pleasure I avail myself of this opportunity of writing which I have long delayed in hopes of receiving a line from Leeds.

You little think while you are there busily employed in your domestic concerns of the great anxiety which exercises your distant friend and brother relative to your health and welfare. I have heard not a word since Rowland B Lyndsay arrived in this place and then was very much surprised when on asking him I found not one letter for myself nor Brothers. He arrived here in good health and spirits about six weeks ago and immediately repaired to the Doctors where he has remained ever since at work. I heard from Seth a few weeks ago but not from Everet for more than six weeks. He was then in Platsburg in tolerable health. Ward has sold all his possessions in Yorktown and moved his effect to this village the first of last May. The second quarter I taught school in this village, was then terminated and I thought it a very promising opportunity for me to go in to some more active business. We <rented> the best stand & store in this town at one hundred dollars a year. We entered into pardner ship, Ward agreeing to put in two thirds of the stock and I some and draw the proffits accordingly. We bought in New York when we began 4,000 Dollars worth of goods. We have and shall keep that stock good. I went down to the city for the purpose of purchasing goods last week and had the pleasure of seeing the City selibration on the 4 inst which was very splendid surpassing any thing I ever saw of the kind before. It is realy a great and elegant City. I had likewise the pleasure of seeing the steam frigget move round battery with a heavy discharge of her guns.

You will readily supose we have so much business as we can attend to when I inform you we make some days nearly one hundred & besides what we charge. Owing to my small constitution and poor state of health I confine myself mostly to dry goods which is very busy but very clean and lite work. I have had some very severe turns of pain and sickness this spring and have lost some flesh but of late I think I have reverted some. I make it a practice now to ride out a small distance every day. I have been under the necessity of leaving my former boarding house, it being so far from the store which I much regret. Altho my self & Brother now board in a very good house Seth has bot out his partner in the furnace and is now verry prosperous. I feal under great anxiety about my fathers conserns but it is wholly imposible for me to have been any advantage to him on the farm had I returned last spring. I have not done one days work since I left home nor should I be able to were I to return. And you will readily conclude it was not posible for Ward to leave this Country after being a merchant here for more than four years and accounts standing to a great amount and many no one could collect but himself and beside he is very well situated among a numerous trains of Friends and acquaintance which if he remain in this Country probably will be condusive to his advancement and station in life. Much more but the coppy is lost. I close.

Rowland B Howard

Capt Stillman Howard Leeds County of Kennebec D. Maine To: Capt Stillman Howard Leeds County of Kennebec D. Maine

12/11/1813 From: Rowland B Howard 5

To: Mr Seth Howard

Poughkeepsie

RBH-0e01g

Easton

Source: Bowdoin

Easton December 11th 1813

Beloved Brother

With unexpressable felicity I avail myself of this opportunity of writing but notwithstanding what I write may be irregular and unnatural in its form and destitue of the simple rules of composition and other gualities that would render it pleasing to the reader. Yet it is to be hoped that it will meet with a kind reception as it proceeds from a well meaning heart. It is with pleasure that I can announce to you that our relatives and friends are well in Bridgewater except Grandma. While it has pleased an omnific God (after a long and laborious life devoted to the particular care and attention of her domestics) to confine her to her bed about two months which she seems to bear patiently. Her disorder it is thought will terminate her existence.

I left home about the middle of October. The people there were injoying good health. Aurelia came to Bridgewater with me and is there now very well-contented. We some expect to see you here as you wrote you were comming to Boston. But I have not heard any thing from you since nor from home since I came from there. I should be extremely pleased to see you here and have you accompany me home for I expect to return next spring if I do not alter my mind.

I am now in Easton teaching a school near the factory. It is a very large school of sixty scholars. It imploys the most of my time while the day lasts but I have some leasure hours which I appropriate to the study of the latten Language or in turning over the instruction pages of some historian in order that I may benefit at some future period from such necessary and useful science. Teaching a school is not an occupation that pleases me but I am in a situation which excites me to do from necessity what I would not do from choice. I wrote a scrawl to you while at Bridgewater last September which undoubtedly you have received. I came up then with a drove of cattle and the last time with a drove of horses which I have sold. One of them I have owned about six months but three years old for which I had one hundred dollars.

My Father is comeing after Aurelia in the course of the winter. We have heard most horrid news relating to the treatment of prisoners at Quebec. The story of which would almost excite tears of blood from the eyes of a Hero if all the avenues of passion were not shut against it. A great number of yours and my acquaintance are then doomed to waste the bloom of their youth in the obdurate clutches of unrelenting tyrany.

Many of your acquaintance since you left Leeds have become inhabiting of the wourld of spirits. Of those I now recollect are Abigail Lindsay, Clarissa Lamb Bernus Lamb Eli Henish & Ester Francis was thought to be in the last stages of consumtion and likewise Archabal Lindsay was failing very fast. James Lindsay and Lydia Lane were published and it is expected that Luther Ledbeter will take Jennison. I will omit all other matrimonial storys untill I see you which I hope will be soon for when you wrote you observed you had nothing to hinder you from coming but the sobing at your departure but I think your unbounded imagination changes not the folly of the people. You must excuse my gesting.

Doct Bridgham taught a school one quarter at the school-house near my fathers and boarded at our house together with seven or eight. It was said to be an excelent school. I did not attend on account of other business but the most of the young people of the neighbourhood went and some scholars out of town. Davis Francis attended it and has been reading virgil all summer when he was able.

I wish you to write to me immediately after you receive this whether you come or not and inform me of Everet and Ward. I have not heard any thing from Everet since he left you. Give my respects to Ward and all relitives and friends there and reserve the same yourself.

Your loving Brother Rowland B Howard

[To:] Mr Seth Howard Poughkeepsie

209/25/1815From:Rowland B HowardTo:Mr. Ezekiel StinchfieldRBH-0e01hPeekskillLeeds County of Kennebeck
D. MaineSource:Bowdoin

Peekskill Septem 25 1815

Sir

This will apprize you that I am yet in the land of the living acting my part in this wide world with health and prosperity and notwithstanding the distance that seperates us I am yet mindful of you and my former friends whom I have past so many delightful hours with and now with an impression that a line from me would be acceptable I take the liberty to imploy a leasure moment in writing my welfare and giving you proofs of my good will for yours. I have lived well since I saw you with enough to eat drink and wear and other favours requisite to pleasure and happiness in this disapated world. I had the good fortune from the time I came into this country to get into business both Proffitable and advantageous for improvement in education and business.

Ezekiel you probably well Recollect my saying in days of our intimacy that we might shortly separate and desolve acquaintance but what was then only vision is now a reality. But notwithstanding acquaintance can not now be cultivated between us. Let us not neglect the more necessary friendship by adding to the pleasure and hapiness of each other with the favour of a few lines which to me when I receive that favour is very interesting and I presume that a corespondence will not be wholly disinteresting to you.

When I receive a letter from my native Place it gives me more pleasure than any moments I pass. But seldom it is that I receive one. It is probable you have Learnt my situation before by letters I have wrote to my friends. I am doing much business in the mercantile line. My Brother Ward is Sheriff & Justice of the Peace. He has some days five or six Courts a day consequently the care of the store mostly devolves on me but I have assistance good part of the time. Therefore my task is not hard. My Brothers and friends here are all in good health. Dick Foster called upon us last Sabath but could give us no late news from home. He said he was going on to Baltimore.

Give my love and Amities to all good friends. I shall visit you when I can the Lord willing. Give my Respects in particular to Ensign. Tell him if he has not forgoten me to write me one letter and be so good as to do the same yourself.

Your good Friend Rowland B Howard

Mr. Ezekiel Stinchfield Leeds County of Kennebeck D. Maine

19	8/9/1815	From:	Rowland B Howard	To:	Mr Ensign Otis	
RB	H-0e01i		Peekskill		Leeds	
Source: Bowdoin				County of Kennebec D. Maine		

Peekskill August 9th 1815

Ensign

It is allways with pleasure that I address you but I am put to the necessity of requesting once more some information from the Eastward. It has been if I do not mistake four or five months since I heard one word from home. You well know my anxiety for the welfare of my friends and I can not but consider them unfealing if they neglect the small task of penning a few lines for my information. But I will complain no more at present but hope for the better. I now for my own part enjoy tolerable health likewise Ward & Seth. The latter I visited two weeks ago and found him as prosperous in his business as I expected. He received a letter about the fourth of July from Everet who was <then> at Plattsburg doing well. And as for the particulars of myself which you said you always wished me to write is that I have done teaching school where I believe I was imployed when I wrote you last and have entered into the mercantile business in partnership with my Brother Ward which occupation I like extremely well notwithstanding the great anxiety you must know of course attends it especially if it be a young man just setting foreward in the world when good or bad management will materily injure or promote him through the rest of his life. My acquaintances in this Country are verry extensive and my being conversant with so many new names it has caused me to forget many of the names of my former acquaintance whose persons I perfectly well recollect.

I now board in a very good house near our store and pay two dollars and a half per week for my board exclusive of my washing which amounts to fifty cents per week generally and my other expences would be thought considerable in Maine. But this fact is certain money is easier to be obtained in this country than it is in that but it is equally certain it will go but verry little ways if you expend it either for fancy or necessity.

We have two boarders in the house both young men one a student at Law. The other a merchant who make our society very pleasing while at home. Ward is appointed justice of the Peace and has received his commission and qualified to the office he is doing and like to do good deal of business as a justice which office is much more lucrative than it is in Maine as there is scarcely a day but what there are more or less Justice Courts in this village.

Ward and I last Sabath went out for a chair ride and visited Doct Baileys 15 miles from this place where we see Rowland B Lindsay who was well and tolerably well contented. He has <recruited> his horses fleash and has been at work for the Doct ever since he arrived in this state. I think it very likely he will return next year.

I wish to visit you verry much but can not at present. I do not regret my visit to this country as I receive many advantages here that I never could acquire there and perhaps am better situated for comfort and enjoyment than many of my friends provided I am blest with health.

It is probable my parents considered that my leaving home was a detriment to them but they may rest asured that it will not be in the end. Give them my love and all the family like wise the Doct & Aurelia & all those that inquire of my welfare. Aurelia I have long expected to write and likewise yourself which I hope you will without fail after receiving this. Inform me of the deaths removals and mariages since your last. You must accept my best wishes for your propaperity and happiness.

Your Friend Rowland B Howard

Mr Ensign Otis Leeds County of Kennebec D. Maine

21	10/6/1815	From:	Rowland B Howard	To:	Mr Samuel Paul
RB	H-0e01j		Peekskill		Lyons
Sour	ce: Bowdoin				

Peekskill Octbr 6 1815

Sir

I was highly pleased a few days since when a gentleman came into our store and presented me with your compliments whom he said he had seen a few days before. You can not immagin how much the newes of one of my intimate friends did interest me. I drew from the man all he could tell which was but little at most only you was in Lyons and had made a stand.

I was surprised you did not visit me at the time you crossed the river, which I suppose was not far above this village. But I suppose you was on your journey and could make no stop. I have heard nothing from Leeds with in two or three months. But the last news I had the people there all well and flourishing. I came to this village last fall, which probably you heard before. I taught school here two quarters and Received one hundred dollars for each. My Brother Ward sold his possessions in Yorktown five miles from this and moved here the first of April when my school had terminated. I entered into pardnership in a store with him where we have been doing much Busines ever since. The Village of Peekskill stands on the east Bank of The Hudson River about fifty miles above New York City and twenty five miles below New burgh and thirty five from Poughkeepsie. It is a verry pleasantly situated Town of about two hundred houses. I live verry agreeably in a good society of young people. I find money pleantyer here than in maine but much easyer spent.

The climate here is warm mild and healthy and but little snow in the winter but I suspect Lyons lies so far north that the climate differes but little from that of Leeds.

You can immagine by your own experience my feelings when I left my native country and came into a distant land among <[paper torn]>. But I have been verry fortunate <[paper torn]> since I have been here and it is <[paper torn]> wish that you may be equally fortunate. You will find good country <verigated> with poor in every Quarter likewise advantages and disadvantages go where you will.

But one truth is certain that a man must be wide awake to live in this world. I had a letter from Harrington a few days since. He was then at Sacketts Harbour in good health and spirits. <Everet> I have returned to Leeds in the month of July. Samuel do write me immediately after receiving this and inform me of all the news when you left Leeds of our old friends of the Country where you now live and how you like leaving Leeds and all the removals from there with all the deaths and marriages. Give my best compliments to your father and all the family. Tell them Ward Seth & myself are all in good health.

Receipt of my best wishes for your prosperity.

Your friend & schoolmate Rowland B Howard

Mr Samuel Paul Lyons

22	12/1/1815	From: RB Howard	To: [Capt Seth Howard]
RB	H-0e01k	Peekskill	[Leeds]
Sou	rce: Bowdoin		

Peekskill Dec 1815 [Assume Dec 1 1815]

<[Torn page]>

with pleasure I present myself to my beloved payrents and be assured that I feal particularly interested for your well fare & happiness at the consequence of my absence be what it may. I have long delayed writing hoping to receive a line from home. But an anxious mind and a belief that it would not be displeasing to you to lern the welfare of your distant Children prompts me to write. Everet arrived in this village in about fourteen days from Leeds has boarded with Ward & myself ever since which is eight or nine weeks. He is in perfect health and has painted Wards, mine and many other pictures in this place but talks of leaving this for new york city soon.

Seth continues yet to flourish with much business on his hands. Rowland Lindsay has gone to oversee and work for him in the furnace and is very well contented. Ward & myself continue as usual doing much business and have enjoyed our selves extremely well since Everet has boarded with us. Ward will probably buy a property in this village in the course of this winter and possibly may. In the time <[paper torn]> discourse of late some inclining so <[paper torn]> I have been very harty through except about once a month <[paper torn]> I have had an alarming pain in my brest with uncommon sickness but after running my stomach with an Enema in two or three days I got about again. It is owing to a debillitated constitution altho I am now quite healthy.

I confine myself at home pretty much having wrode but once more than a mile from the village for five months. Of course I can give you very little history as there are many places of note within five or six miles that I never saw. You may think strange of this but it is a fact. The people all are very domestic in this Country. I like my situation very well, and hope by industry and stout application to business to support myself hansomely and lay up something against a day of need.

I present myself with gratitude to my good mother and thank her for good counsel in my youthful days and have lernt by sad experience how to appreciate the benefit of many small domestic favours of a mother which a person is deprived of among strangers.

With due Respect and esteem I am your dutiful Son RB Howard

17	3/1/1815	From:	Rowland B Howard	
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RBH-0e01I

Peekskill

To:

Source: Bowdoin

Happy thou fair when mild <con [torn corner]> Adorns thy youthful breast To anxious thought upon Thee sent Not to disturb thy rest Angelic form than heaven has Sent How greatly are we blest Delightfull then if we could see Union and peace embrace Smiles and sunshine there would be Enlivening every face Nothing disturbs thy peaceful heart But small domestic care Endeavour then to all impart Reanimations there Recount to them a goodly thought You then will claim there care

Peekskill March 1 1815 Rowland B Howard [written backwards]

Hail lovely maid all in thy bloom Angelic form quiet at home Delighted there to talk and chat And please here guests with this or that Sure to touch There generous heart And overcome there greatest art Holding the staff of cupids dart

Comely and mild generous and just Reason her guide providence her Trust Amiable in gesture look and act From vice and folly she doth lack To alleviate her own good self Leeds July 3 1814

Your heart with virtue fraught And soul bedect with usual glee Never a look with disdain took Except when friends doth prove not free Sublime her chaise to stay her name Unremembered in the ramble Mind full its best to lie at rest Enrapt in peace not trouble Reluctant she her neighbours all Bewilldered in there folly Envys not There were flat Lest vertue should be sorry

Yorktown 1 September 1814

Think well ere you resolve weigh each event Lest when to take in sorrow you repent

Beauty makes virtue lovelyer still of [TORN PAGE]

< > makes duty more devinely [TORN PAGE]

23	1/3/1816	From: Rowland B Howard	To: Ensign Otis	
	H-0e01m ^{ce:} Bowdoin	Peekskill	Leeds	

Peekskill Jan/3 1816

Beloved Friend

Words cannot express the gratitude I feal for your favours of the 15 of Jany [Dec?] which was the first within four months. With becoming humility I think myself incapable of Giving addvise to one older than myself notwithstanding my inability I will embrace some of the principal ideas of your letter and to which you can add or diminish as your better judgement will direct. 1st then as respects traveling you have already learnt my mind and experience being the best instructor I have had the opportunity of information and improvement whether I have profited by it or not. A man with money can put himself in to business where he pleases but without money he must be favoured by providence together with industry and econemy to flouris with any degree of prosperity every thing is best illustrated by comparisons. Now to compare you with myself in every respect would not be just, altho your education and opportunities <[torn page]> much the same with mine yet <[torn page]> fortune (the best recommendation <[torn page]> strangers) is undoubtedly considerable where mine is nothing. Therefore your prospects would be better than mine. The common people of this country are very illiterate owing to bad management of schools and the luxurience of the country produce dissipation. Therefore a young man of your education with a full portion of good breeding and good character can walk and be respected in the first class who are generally speaking welthy and indowed with polished manners in this class I have had the fortune to introduce myself and (considering I am writing to you in confidence as one friend to an other speak not of this) have so far gained the confidence and esteem of an A. Y. L. in the V. whose rank and fortune surpasses any in my knowledge.

I flatter myself that if my esteem and inclination corespond with my outward wish I shall one day possess h.h. but till then God forbid! As you know it never was my faculty to speak on that far into my heart. If you conclude to travel south you will call on me of course, which I shall consider as a greatfull favour. I long to see my good friends for some such I know I have in Maine youthful companions. <[torn page]> to me and Ensign you may <[torn page]> my frenship is the same as when we were classmates at the Monmouth school. I am not doing so much business as formerly in consequence of the small pox prevailing throughout the village which is occationed by some ignorent supersticious willful people who would not believe in the efficacy of the kind Pox as a preventative against the small like the dutchman carring a stone in one end of the bag to mill because his father did.

However thanks (not to the docters for they have tried to spread it) but to heaven that there is no more here to <have> it when these get well. We need some yankee laws in this respect. I am astonished at your negligence in writing to me you must not expect it is so necessary for you to hear from one so often as for me to hear from Thousands. Write every opportunity. I will write when any news presents. In your next speak of my friends. All you know is news to me. Give my respects to all that know me. Tell them my health is better than formerly.

Yours respectfully Obt serv Rowland B Howard

Ensign Otis Leeds