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### **25** 7/29/1816 *From:* Seth Howard

Poughkeepsie

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Source: Bowdoin

*To:* Capt Seth Howard

Leeds Count of Kennebeck D. M.

Poughkeepsie July 20th 1816

Dear Parents

having so much to attend to I have delayd writing since I arived here till now. I have the pleasure to inform you that I am in health. Likewise all the rest of your relation & friends in this place.

I came by the way of Newyork, stopt at Peekskill saw Ward, Rowland, & Davis Francis. Everet came with me to Poughkeepsie. We were all hous together at Peekskill, a circumstance that has not hapened this great while before & indeed I never expected it to hapen. This last journey I road raising Eleven Hundred miles on horse back in about thirty days. I never saw a drop of rain in the whole time from Louisville. I came to Frankford then to Lexington thence through washington to Limestone at Maysville, crossed the Ohio River went through Challicothe leaving Cincinata.

To my left past through Zanesville leaving Marietta. To my right crost the Ohio River at Wheeling into Pensylvania through Washington to Pittsburgh about Six Hundred Miles, then crossed the mountains to Chambersburgh through Harrisburgh, Carlisle to Easton. Crossed the Dellaware River in to Newyork through Morristown. Newyork to the citty of Newyork. The pleasantest journey I ever made excepting about two hundred miles in Pensylvania among Dutchman. They could not talk English, but we could make the Dutch Girls understand very well. I have traveled more than three thousand miles in the western country, through Ohio, Kentucky Tennesee, Indianah Territory, Illinois Territory & a little ways in to the Missouri Territory. I was within twenty miles of John Lindsay but never saw him. I have been sorry since I did not go.

I have seen a most alligned Country, & one that I could recommend to all young men. Especially Machanicks. I have not time to explain to you now the many local advantages that Country possesses over the Eastern part of the United States, but at some future period, I will give you my memorandum in full, & my observations ocationaly as I traveled through. Probably it will not be till I am settled there. I find a great deal of difficulty in settling my Business here. I don't know how I shall make out but I hope to get through in the course of two or three months. I want to visit you before I go so far from you, but I have met with so many losses & been so unfortunate I can hardly afford the Expence. It is but little ways I know. You can immagine to your selves how I look about as fleshy as I was when I was home & rather darker complection. I may come before I return to the Westward, but its uncertain. I expect to be marryed as soon as I return, but I shall come to see you as soon notwithstanding that . For I can take my little girl in my pocket - not much larger than a ground squirrel. She wants to see you as much as I do. Now who would have thought that I should have gone to the Western country to get me a wife, but so it is & cant be helpt. I believe Rowland is getting him a wife & Ward not far from it, but not knowing cant say. Davis says that Lucretia is one of the finest girls in that Country. I never heard till now that Aurilia had a Son. I wish her much joy. She certainly must be hapy as it is her own Fault, for she has got one of the best hearted men for a Husband this world affords. Doct Bridgam is what I call a whole sould fellow. These are the ones for me. I want none of your half way fellows. I like those that can look on adversity & smile, & say the world was made for Caser & for Cato too. There is a number of Branches of Business that I can go into at the Southerd but have not determined yet what I shall do but I expect either go a boating to New orleans or establish an Iron Foundry. Both very proffitabe business but the Boating is very disagreeable, but I am determined to get Rich if it is by hard knocks. Rowland Lindsay is here & has learnt to be fire man in the furnace, a trade worth one thousand dollars to him at least. If I establish a foundary in that country he will go with me where I shall do well by him.

Please give my love to Aunt Lindsey & family to Stillman & Family & all my relation friends & acquaintances that wish to hear. I remain with sentaments of fillial gratitude.

Your affectionate Son Seth Howard

[ENVELOPE]

Capt Seth Howard Leeds Count of Kennebeck D. M.



Leeder March 23ª 1819 Rowland, Thave lisure to write to your, and would to God & could answer half a score of your letters, but not a word have you written since we parted! you tir, one so find of tracing the cen nexion of causes and events, will, Jones ume be so good on the recit of this, as just to inform me, what Mague pell has Wester from your hand, that pen which you used to hatel so laberal A late writer has said that hauman frundship was tike live embers, when collected log other they warmed each other and wer continually breaking out in to flames: but make them a Whe abunder they instantly love this womth or particle Stripe; and Bounce land lered Ibelive he is about half high? you begin to suspect of writing you a Nevel, no Sir nor heys tery, but a few plain family facts- your Parents are well and enjoy a competant portion forgetable nutrement to keep good this Tyseeal force, and luquerus, to render this days casy and gecolle wheet you must know is mot the case with many in This country al present some wear the aspect of penury and want while all serious Judges, expros serious fears that some animals if not human, mush perish for want of subsistance; unless some thinger triordinary takes place, Sleighing commences about the 20th of Not thas continued eversince with little or no intermision, save what arose frementense weather and blocking snowes But it is a most general time of heatth. I know of no one ack at presen Thave been hauld up a fundays for Repair, but the Doctor, tike

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# 26 3/23/1817 From: Davies

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Leeds

Source: Bowdoin

Leeds March 23d 1817

Rowland,

I have leisure to write to you, and would to God I could answer half a score of your letters, but not a word have you written since we parted! You Sir, one so fond of tracing the connexion of causes and events, will, I presume be so good on the receipt of this, as just to inform me, what Magic Spell has wrested from your hand, that pen which you used to hold so liberal.

A late writer has said that hauman friendship was like live embers, when collected together they warmed each other and were continually breaking out in to flames: but rake them a little assunder they instantly loose their warmth or partial strife; and my ounse Land Lord I believe he is above half right.

You begin to suspect me of writing you a novel, no Sir, nor hystory, but a few plain family facts. Your Parents are well and enjoy a competant portion of vegetable nutrement to keep good their physical force, and luxuries, quantum sufficit to render their days easy and agreeable, which you must know is not the case with many in this country at present - some wear the aspect of penury and want, while all serious judges, express serious fears, that some animals if not human, must perish for want of subsistance; unless some thing extraordinary takes place. Sleighing commenced about the 20th of No'r & has continued ever since with little or no intermission, save what arose from intense weather and blocking snows. But it is a most general time of health. I know of no one sick at present. I have been hauled up a few days for repair, but the Doctor, like you may by this time be exceding tired of torsing my illegible scribling, but Rowland is the best I can do. My hand vibrates with my heart, so that it is with dificulty I can make any thing like letters. I have frequented Miss Hannah Chandlers company at times this winter. She often enquires after you with a degree of interestedness. I am apt to think Hannah & Lydia great girls notwithstanding all that has been said against them. Miss Harriett Starr of Jay has been here for some time with Lucretia. She is a pretty little bewitching creature - as fond of making conquests as was Hadasah, and I believe she has partially succeeded in some instances.

I have taught school three months this season and want one month of completing my engagements when I was taken sick. I conclude I must abandon it and when I regain my health, if soon, go again to Brunswick to work at my tract, as such would be profitable should I be able to pay as close application as the business requires, but all is uncertainty with me. I shall be against a stump soon for want of paper, so good by - till you write to me

Davies

March 28th

Dear Sir,

Since the first date of this letter, I have had a relapse, much to dishearten my spirits, and consume my ponderious system, but yet hope to see better days, but alas I don't know!! Since being confined here I have look around me for some friendly compassionate intimate, have extended my retrospic as far as you, but thought I could see no genial Rays of Heaven born sentiment to illume my sad condition; felt an aching void in my own breast, too poignant for discription, and almost wish to be buried in silence, as deep in the bosom of our earth, as I fill myself, in the memory of those, which I once hailed as the dearest of natures gifts. I am apt to think my constitution of such an exotic nature, that it must be transplanted to some more congenial clime, in order to exist in this world. You used to ask me, in case you commenced business for yourself alone, if I would not come & live with you; such an opportunity I would gladly embrace.

When at Brunswick last winter I received a letter from Ward which I believe I have answered. I have not heard about you or your health since then. You may wish me to write more particular about your family, but they enjoy a tolerable degree of health generally, excepting Lucretia, whose health is indifferent, but her spirits are good. What I before wrote about her gallant, I don't wish you to immagin that serious consequences are likely to attend it. I only wrote it for novelty's sake. God I should almost envy the Best of men such a blessing.

Thomas, I was ready to conclude, last fall thought something of marrying Miss Pitts, but by some strange, fatality (to use Gen Dearborn's expression) has changed his purpose, and she, to please her Parents, has consented to be published - to another man, but declines marryin at present. This Rowland was the most marvilous thing in this County. Hardly a person in town or in the adjacent town but what interested them delve in the affair and Wm Otis' family, who you know were always predudicial against our family, led the ran

A kind Angel has lavished his Magnetia, calemel Jolup &c so profusely that the obstructus of nature have yielded to their influence, and I shall be able to Return to School shortly, so glorious thanks to God and Generous Reward to the Doctor. I have no essays on human understanding, no Rhetorical or Logical disertations, no Geographical or Astronomical observations or Classical lore to develop to you; but think you much better pleased to hear of the partial function of our preventibus.

And first of Uncle Jos who married off two of his girls in one hour, to men of the upper country Alpheus L to Miss L Foss, Mr Levab Lethal to Miss B. Lane, Thos Lindsay to Olive Church, Mr H Jennings to Miss Hannah Lothrop, &c&c, and I guess by and by Lucretia for a Mr Plaidsted of Gardiner is as partial as you please. He is a scholar and from common Report a fine man. Rowland, I want to see you and chat about the little interesting pictures of Peekskill and especially about your little girls, Miss Catherine Miss Kelsie &c &c. I should be glad to hear of the shines which Ensign cut among them, but he does not write me or any body else as I can hear. I saw Nancy a few days since in fine health and Mine. Cupids dart has at length persed my head, Liver or something, which will eventually produce connubial intercourse or lingering Death you know which I don't er care!!! Give my compliment to Ward Aunt Fanny, and all who may inquire after me at Peek's and to Mr Prey in particular should he be within your knowledge. Ask him to wright and command Ward to. Tell Aunt Fanny I wish I had stad with her last winter, and tried to have gotten that old Miss Lyon with her fortune, as we talked. Write yourself soon, tell of your circumstance intentions &c &c.

Accept my best wishes with those of the whole family and believe my your undeviating friend, Davies.

Mr Rowland B. Howard

[ENVELOPE] Paris Me March 29 Mr Rowland B. Howard Peekskill State of New York County of Westchester

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Mought were on those that I left behind, & often than the Sclent tear Stole down my check while me-- pleeting, that the change of fortune has driven me from my priends, from my home, from all that is near & dear to me in Like, little did I think when lust I Daw you that to doon I should been a vis-- itant in this lity of Disipation, it is now Sunday, but beering goes on the Same as any the days to a thrange it appears very odd, but the inhabitants Think nothing of it - I have gust retuine from Takeing a walk from the back part of the tits, out of One hundred children that I Saw, there was not To occered three white ones - in fact the inhabitants from the Eastward, & meny of them have a brook for a wife or Mistrep, it Supprice, me very much that a man Brought up in the Eastern States could wer Janey one of these half Breeds, the bunguage spocher There is principally mench, there are people here from all pasts of the world - this is the grand Mart, a deport of bie & Bebauchage from all quentes of the glabe - I have not get been to bee the sellibras -ted Battle ground of Jackson, beiton, but intend going as Doon as I thave Liesure, after which I will write you the particular, what would you Whinte when I tell you, that the Mives is now The foot higher than the lety- it is kept out · by a Leve, a mound of dist thrown up about four

in its highest stage, this dever continues on both bank, of the River up One hundred & fifty miles along which are the most illigent plantations of Shuger & lotter that lan be in magine it Looks like One continues billings on both sides this whole destance, & I am Told it continues To to the Sea a hundred miles down - The without planters on their plantations own from a Thousand To the thousand megroes - a young able Bodies Negro here is worth One thousand Dollars - they Su hard times poor fellows - They don't get half mough to cat, there torench & Span cards have no more a humanity - there is no bas to punish then for killing their own negros, if they affre Them- it projectly happens thou Longe slaws sunas Vont mind killing a negro if the dont please him - there is at the time about 400 ships & Brigs in this port - I spent all most the whole day yesterday to see if I could find a bessel Bound to Thallowell, but Could find none, had I found One I entended to have sent you a band of Shaqer - I was in hopes to have found One it would have been very gratifing to me to have Dent you this Small present is Token of armemburen & no doubt it might have been of some benifit & no doubt it might have been of some benifit & you, as shuge must be high in that country but as it is it can't be helpt my dear Mother, I addrep you in porticular, I have an I dia of the

# **27** 4/20/1817 *From:* Seth Howard

New Orleans

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Source: Bowdoin

#### To: Capt Seth Howard

Leeds County of Kennebeck Province of Maine Winthrop Post Office

New Orleans April 20th 1817

Dear Parents

I have the pleasure to inform you that I am in very good health. I arived in this City, about ten days ago after a passage of thirty days, from Cape Girardeau County Missouri territory, where I was Blocked up in the ice all last winter. I left that place the 12th of March about 9 Oclock in the morning & never left the helm to exceed over an hour at a time, till I landed in this City on the 12th of April. I was quite worn out with fatigue & want of rest. But I am very Smart now, have about 300 barrels of Pork & 100 of Beef, but not finding a market, I have had it all repacked & stored. Should I not find a good market here in the course of twenty or thirty days, I shall ship it for New York or Boston, & then Should fortune favour me, I may once more visit my paternal roof. Once more press to my bosom my kindred friends.

You may have blaimed me for not writing oftener, but believe me when I tell you that every convenient opportunity that has presented I have written, all last winter there was no mail went from the country where I was. Of course I could not write, but not a day, not an hour I may say, that past me, but my thoughts were on those that I left behind, & often has the Silent tear stole down my cheek while reflecting, that the change of fortune has driven me from my friends, from my home, from all that is near & dear to me in Life. Little did I think when last I saw you that so soon I should been a visititant in this City of disipation.

It is now Sunday, but business goes on the Same as any other day, to a stranger it appears very odd, but the inhabitants think nothing of it. I have just returned from takeing a walk from the back part of the City, out of one hundred children that I saw, there was not to exceed three white ones. In fact the inhabitants are all coper collered excepting a few that have come from the Eastward, & many of them have a creole for a wife or Mistress. It supprises me very much that a man Brought up in the Eastern States could ever fancy one of these half breeds, the language spocken here is principally French. There are people here from all parts of the World. This is the grand Mart, or deposit of vice & debauchery from all quarters of the globe.

I have not yet been to see the cellebrated Battle ground of Jackson's victory, but intend going as soon as I have leisure, after which I will write you the particulars. What would you think when I tell you, that the River is now two foot higher than the City. It is kept out by a Levee, a mound of dirt thrown up about four foot high. The River is now in its highest stage. This Levee continues on both banks of the River up One hundred & fifty miles along which are the most Elligant plantations of shugar & cotten that can be immagined. It looks like one continued village on both sides this whole distance, & I am told it continues so to the sea a hundred miles down.

The richest Planters on these plantation own from a thousand to two thousand negroes - a young able Bodied Negro here is worth one thousand Dollars. They see hard times poor fellows. They don't get half enough to eat. These French & Spaniards have no mercy or humanity. There is no Law to punish them for killing their own negroes, if they affront them. It frequently happens those large slaves owners don't mind killing a negro if he don't please him.

There is at this time about 400 ships & brigs in this port. I spent allmost the whole day yesterday to see if I could find a vessel Bound to Hallowell, but could find none. Had I found one I intended to have sent you a barrel of shugar. I was in hopes to have found one. It would have been very gratifying to me to have sent you this small present a token of remembrance & no doubt it might have been of some benefit to you, as shugar must be high in that country. But as it is, it cant be helpt.

My dear Mother, I address you in particular, I have an idea of the tender anxiety a fond mother feels for her children when absent, but I beg you to rest assured that in whatever situation I have here before been, or hereafter may be placed, those good & virtious principals instilled in my youth have ever been & I flatter myself ever will be my constant guide. No doubt that my misfortunes & their consequences have been a source of much affliction, but it is the destinies of fate & we must submit. Should we both live it will not be long before I

make a visit to that country. If I don't this summer when I shall take with me my dear Mary. Oh! I wish she was there now, to be society for you & Lucretia. Please to remember me to Stillman & family, Doct Bridgam & family Aunt Lindsay & family, Lucretia, Rathburn, & Franklin, Frank. A day I want to see him more than a little. Adeu. I am still under the necessity of subscribing myself the unfortunate wanderer.

Seth Howard

[Envelope] [Postmark] [ faint] Capt Seth Howard Leeds County of Kennebeck Province of Maine Winthrop Post Office

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## To: Capt Seth Howard

Leeds County of Kennebec D. Maine via Winthrop P Office

#### Peekskill June 15, 1817

**Beloved Parents** 

I take the liberty to write notwithstanding I must think you had almost forgotten me as I have not received one Letter from home for more than six months and have waited anxiously every mail till I have given up the Idea of hearing from you. With pleasure I can say for the first time in my life I have enjoyed perfect health for the last six months. And while I continue so, how gratifying it would be to me were it Possible to visit my parents, brothers, sisters & old friends. But fortune the govenor of human pleasures has long denied me that supreme felicity and nothing but dame prudence has prevented me from sneaking a moment to spend with you. I am touched with gratitude when I reflect on your care, assiduity & prudence to instill in my mind Good precepts and examples in my youth & which I hope have been so far usefull as to not render your son unworthy of his parentage. Altho, Desapation has been round me as a snare and vice as a temptation & Disappointment the natural attendant on a fruitful immagination has some times been my lot. But I have no reason to complain of my situation considering that I am nothing more nor less than a poor young man. Mr Otis you have undoubtedly lernt is my partner. We are in our new Store much the hansomest in the village, with a very Great & General assortment of goods sell at a small profit and for cash only doing at present more business than any around us. I have put in my proportion of the partnership money & shall be much disappointed if Mr Otis does not at least get five hundred dollars soon notwithstanding my credit is good in New York for any amount I would be likely to ask. But you know it was always my wish to do business safe. I think if his father could once come into our Store & see how he is situated he would help him to some money which if he ever expected to do I should any wait be the most use to him now. He is a very prudent saving yong man, very much improved & will shortly handle goods with a very good grace, well contented & well pleased as you must know that it is no small thing for a young man to be introduced into such extensive business. It occupys our whole attention myself in a special manner never leave the store except to buy Goods.

I must say when Mr Otis gets more experience in the Business & more acquainted with the people that I anticipate the time when I shall be able to pay you a short visit. Oh! The ties of affection bind me to maine notwithstanding the distance I am from you.

Ward is well, has led a saw mill & keeps an extensive lumber yard in the village in company with Mr Marquis Philips a nephew of Uncle David Philips who does the business. His justice & sherif business occupies his whole attention. Everet I heard from the 20 of Aprill, then in Savannah in Georgia. Had made much money & was in the best of health. Seth arrived in the City of New York from New Orleans a few days ago while I was in town, well, but has seen hard times. He brought a 100 barrels of Pork for sale. Uncle Philips has moved to Peekskill and set up the tin business. Doct Bailey talks of moving to the village.

Give my respects & love to Lucretia Rathburn Franklin & all Brother sisters & friends. In great Haste.

Your affectionate son RB Howard

[Envelope] Capt Seth Howard Leeds County of Kennebec D. Maine via Winthrop P Office