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**30** 1/30/1818 *From:* Rowland B Howard

RBH-0e16 Peekskill

Source: Bowdoin

To: Capt Seth Howard

Leeds County Kennebec D. Maine Via Winthrope Post Office

Peekskill Jany 30 1818

## **Dear Parents**

I again write hoping thereby to gratify my kindred connexions & fulfill a natural obligation I owe them. It is with peculiar pleasure that I can state that I and my friends are injoying perfect health and prosperity. But it has been a subject of unpleasantness to me that I should be deprived of Intelligence from you. A partial delay is excuseable but a total neglect is unpardonable. But however a Due sense of the obligations I am under to my beloved Parents whose fostering hands sustained me in my youth and to whose care I am indebted for the first principles of Education and to whom I am indebted in a measure for my present happy situation in life, render it nessary that I should make frequent acknowledgments of gratitude to them & show myself not altogether an unworthy son. Altho circumstances as relates to business wholly unforeseen by me has prevented my writing my near & dear connexions or returning to the Bosom of My Fathers family.

But I hope in the course of nex summer to be able to visit you again & My being unacquainted in the Early part of my life with Mercantile business and Likewise without resources you must conclude the two first years of residence here in that line must have been somewhat inconvenient and altho my experience in this branch may have been dearly Bo't yet it will be more usefull.

My prospects at present seem promising. Mr Otis and myself have had not less at any time than four thousand dollars worth of goods on hand at once since our commencement. He is a man very well respected and of a very good disposition. But as he continues without funds or resources we shall disolve in the spring. The whole business has been transacted on my credit and Punctuality which you must know occupies my whole time and attention. We have sold many goods and handled much money this year.

I hope my dear mother will rest contented as to the welfare of her distant sons for if the least circumstance of III health misfortune or disaster should befall them I shall embrace the first opportunity to communicate it to you.

The last we heard from Seth, he was about to descend the River Missippi with a number of boat Loads of corn. His wife likewise was to go down in the steam boat and both to meet at New Orleans. This was in December and further I know not.

Everet went from Ohio to Pittsburgh, thence to Erie. On Lake Erie where he wrote last he was in a sleigh. Then going to Kingston Montreall & Quebec and then to Maine or Europe. The last improbable. He was well "except his old acquaintance the Reumatism".

Ward is engaged in his official business and probably will go to Albany this winter. He has not disposed of himself in Marriage yet nor is there any hopes of a ready sale. Mr Pray occupies a space in our circle of Bachelors and on the score of attachment like another Brother. I have not been in the country but once for four months nor to Doct Baileys since last March. The Doct is now here in health, likewise his family. Patia is a Beautiful Girl. She boarded in this village last summer, and went to school to Pamilia Phillips who teaches a boarding school.

We have had no snow yet but continue in expectation. The weather is warm. I sometimes wish I was in Maine that I might take a leasure sleigh ride. The Hudson River is not frozen here yet. There is Rising Twenty five houses Building in this village this winter, 4 on lots that Ward has sold & one he is about to build himself. We shall try to obtain a Bank this winter.

Tell the Children I remember them all, Lucretia, Rathburn & Franklin but shall forget if they do not write. Remember me to all relations and friends and be pleased to receive the Greatfull acknowledgments of your Dutifull son.

Rowland B Howard

NB. Tell Mr D Francis there is no Death in his acquaintance. But Marriages innumerable among which are Charles Diver to Hetty Strang cousin to Catherine, Philetus Raymond to Miss Hannah Dusenbery & Jesse Christian to Nancy Chess, and many more &c&c. It is a long time since I heard one word from Leeds.

[Envelope]
Capt Seth Howard
Leeds
County Kennebec D. Maine
Via Winthrope Post Office

Ichilie fely 21th 1818 Dear Brother It is with Relicetories altho a pleasure that I write to you in asmuch as you nor any of my friends to the Easteward have condercented To write to me for somemonthe - get a Kindred Altacherent induces me to fuefice an obligation due my friends - you can not immagin with what eagerness I search every muil for a return in Their part - Provincential Circumstinies has led me far from you and my situation in buriness compells my to remain - But it is with lively sensettitity that I often printeres to my immagenestion Those priends I lift behind Uning them yourself and wife and hear little Children I presume a hoppy circle in the enjoyment of life und the pleasures of souty - Which are gifts of stirling with that aught to render all contented and happy and draw forthe a due reverence love and Gratitude to the Ere whing Author - What more purtuelling drew forth my him at this line is to Record the Death of one of our distingueshed Revoluteonary heroes and much esterned Patriot May John Paulding Who perfermed an act of Patrioterin worthy the initation of every entightened freeman He died on the 19th Inst and was this day Buried with the honors of wew and Morning in

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RBH-0e17 Peekskill

Source: Bowdoin

To: Capt Stillman Howard

Leeds
County of Kennebeck
D. Maine
Via Winthrope Post Office

Peekskill Feby 21th 1818

Dear Brother

It is with Reluctance altho a pleasure that I write to you - inasmuch as you nor any of my friends to the Eastward have condescended to write to me for some months - yet a kindred attachment induces me to fulfill an obligation due my friends. You can not immagin with what eagerness I search every mail for a return on their part. Providential circumstances has led me far from you and my situation in business compells me to remain. But it is with lively sensibility that I often picture to my immagination those friends I left behind, among them yourself and wife and Dear little children. I presume a happy circle in the enjoyment of life and the pleasures of society, which are gifts of stirling worth that ought to render all contented and happy and draw forth a due reverence love and Gratitude to the Creating Author.

What more particularly drew forth my pen at this time is to Record the Death of one of our distinguished Revolutionary heroes and much esteemed Patriot Maj John Paulding, who performed an act of Patriotism worthy the imitation of every enlightened freeman. He died on the 19th Inst and was this day Buried with the honors of war and Masonry. In conjunction two Miles from this Place to which the Proseccion Marched from the house of the Deceased Three Miles Escorted by a company of Cadetts from the Military Academy at West Point with the Best Band of Musick in the United States.

The procession was arranged commanded and Directed by my Brother Ward who was selected for that purpose. The procession consisted of one hundred and Three wagons average five persons in each with as many horse and foot. In the whole surpassing any thing of the kind I ever saw before in numbers, solemnity and good order. In discharging the last obligation to this distinguished individual I hope we have done that honor due to his name which no American can recount without feeling of the highest respect.

I had the honor yesterday of negotiating with the commander in chief of West Point for the Military assistance we have received this day and I am happy to say that all was conducted in the best order and greatest harmony.

The deceased was the father of nineteen children and lived with his third wife and probably about sixty years old. Thus fades the valuable citizen and thus fades the hero with laurels. A sad certainty but no more sorrowfull than that - we must all Die. A consideration that should teach us to discharge our duty to our creator and to our fellow men, that when we pay the last debt of nature we may not fear Justice, but deserve mercy and Receive happiness.

I see I must curtail observation which I should make were you nearer me and instead say I and your friends here are in perfect health. I have not heard from Seth lately and Everet I Believe is in Canada. Uncle Phillips lives here, his Daughters are fine accomplished Girls which is to be expected from their education. I have rode frequently with them when we have had sleighing which has been near a fortnight this winter, but all gone at Present. Thus you see we can not enjoy ourselves in that pleasurable arrangement as you can in Maine.

Mr Otis is yet My partner. We have yet a large quantity of goods on hand not little than three thousand dollars worth which it is [my] intention to sell before the River opens. Business continues tolerable good & Mr Otis is much improved in his manners as is natural to suppose for he visits in the most genteel circles. When I shall again see you I know not but I hope before many years. Give my compliments to Doct Bridgham and friends and remember me to my fathers family.

Yours with affection [Rowland B Howard] [Hole in Paper]

Mr Stillman Howard

NB Rowland Lindsey was here last fall. He lives on a small lake near Lake Erie and I presume is a doing well. He was then in the lumber Business.

[Envelope]
Capt Stillman Howard
Leeds
County of Kennebeck
D. Maine
Via Winthrope Post Office

For the following letter

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Cape Jerardeau ?? June 21, 1818,

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**33** 5/9/1819

From: Lucretia Howard

RBH-0e18a Newburg

Source: Bowdoin

To: Seth Howard Esq

Leeds

County Kennebeck

D.M.

To be left at Winthrop Post

Office

Newburg May 9 1819

My ever dear and affectionate Parents

You may be surprised to read of my being in this place but I have become a great traveller. I came here in company with uncle Phillips and good family. We came in a sloop which you know was new to me and you must judge it was a source of some sport indeed it was. We had a fine sail and they talked some of making me Captain I had so much courage. There were several young ladies on board and we had fine time.

I have writen that I am in a new place of course you will expect I'll describe it but I have been here so short a time that [I am] not capable yet but can say of all places that I have visited I give Newburg the prefference. Oh! it is a delightfull place. I have formed but very few acquaintance but those that I have are very fine.

It is very hansomely situated on the River and I have never looked out but have seen no less than 8 or 9 sloops and often the steemboat and allways the house boat. I don't know as you have ever seen or heard of this house boat but it is a great curiosity. The bottom looks like. The horses go round as when turning a cider mill. I think there is eight horses. It is curious indeed but you have a poor discription of it as I am not in the habit of discribing any such a thing.

I never was so delighted with a place in my life. It is very lively and very gay but the gaity is not the most attraction that it has. No indeed. Lucretia is not a very gay girl. I think if you should see me you would think me more simple than ever. My good cousins say I have altered very much since I came here but I cannot see it myself and hope it is not for the worse for it is my greatest wish and constant prayer to be good and conduct myself so as to merit a hearty welcome home once more, though there is every inducement for me to be happy here. I mean the society and place are so pleasing that nothing except the duty to the best of Parents could induce me to leave <[torn page]> delightfull a place, but home is pleasing and will <[torn page]> me while My dear Parents live and do not think that Lucretia will ever forget her best friends in the fashionable world of Newburg. Oh! No! Home will be as dear to me as ever, althoug I have formed many very dear connexions here, but I shall be favoured with a correspondence with them after I arrive at my native home but the tears steel down when I think of leaving them and I cannot help it although you may say I ought to be stimulated by the affection to you. Oh I am. No child's Bosom is warmer with affection for there Good Parents that your child that now addresses you. How bountifully I am dealt with. Parents and friend it would be ungreatfull for me to wish for more. Some times I say oh that you live altogether but this would be too much for one to posess Parents and friends all in one vicinity. I cannot ask it.

Now I must stop. The bell rings for the last time and must go to church. I was in hopes to finished my letter befor the meeting but have not. Good morning for the present.

Church is out and I am again seated by my Uncles desk. If you was here my happyness would be complete. My dear Uncle and Aunt are seated by me and are requesting me to Give Love to you. Uncle is highly flattered with his new prospect here. Oh they are parents to me. I never shall forget there kindness to me and I hope you will ever bare in mind there goodness now <[torn page]><If I> had room I would try to discribe the goodness of my <more than> kind Brothers. Never was a sister so blest before <[torn page]> good, so good Brothers and cousins, I idolise them all. They seem more like sisters than cousins. Uncle Bailey & family are included but oh we must part and what shall I do. We are often all together and jolly as possible when the word is said part from Lucretia our feelings cannot be surpressed.

I received a Letter from Ward this morning from New York. He is in health. A few days since I had one from Rowland in Peekskill. He is also in health. Everet the same. He has become a Labourer in the Ocum mill. They flourish with their ocum. Rowland is a tradeing as usual. I have been his clerk for several weeks untill I came here. Cousin Joseph [Bailey] has gone to school. He has lived with him a year. He will return soon.

Well what do you think about my comeing home. Do you think it is time. If you do I must go but Ward is to take me and we may start in June, but it is uncertain as he has so much business on board and the Great Wedding is about to take place. I am a goin to Poughkeepsie from here with Cousin Pamelia [Phillips] and from there I am to spend a week to Judge Johnsons the finest familey in the world. I go to New York City from there. Those are my visits that are contemplated before I <leave> this happy Land.

Give my love to Stillman and family. Dr and Aurelia often mentioned me to little Hinvenold that she may remember me. Oh I want to see her indeed all of you more than I can express. Remember me to Uncle B.H. [Barnabas Howard] & family, Aunt Lindsey [Thankful (Bailey) Lindsey] and family and all every one Rathburn Franklin. Oh a Little dog how I want to see him. Remember me most affectionately to Mr Francis and wife family in general. Tell Eunice she is in debt to me a letter so write <> to me soon. Tell the Dr he never has writen to me.

Lucretia

Arvillia and Ada [Phillips] send love particular to you and all friends. Pamelia is in Peekskill but is to be here soon. Fail not to write. Seth is in tolerable health or was the last letter we had.

Lucretia [Howard]

[Envelope] Newburgh May 11

Seth Howard Esq Leeds County Kennebeck D.Me To be left at Winthrop Post Office

New Parents I have the pleasure to enform you of any being in Majorto, I lift Mustilling on the 11 the May & ceres in desy or by the dune month, was experiences a tallereble pleasent passage, Many was as lettle Sain Sich when we find Sturled out - we enjoyed feer health do very poorly in that please that I was inclosed to long on dear being at I find her greatly emproved it, we Thento of besiting you on the course of the Summer arrichately on my circul I wook to Weire I he & Lucretie and here four deys age. Wards will retien to morrow & Leavelin will remain with Am Howard till I am ready to go to Perto hier when we share all go together a Springe or lettle time in the Country after which I am in hope that Ward will lee or, hey es to the Entevente

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34 6/11/1819 *From:* Seth Howard *To:* Dear Parents [Seth Howard]

RBH-0e18b New York

Source: Bowdoin

New York June 11 1819

**Dear Parents** 

I have the pleasure to inform you of my being in New York. I left New Orleans on the 10th of May & arived in New York 29th of the same month. We experienced a tollerable pleasant passage. Mary was a little sea sick when we first started out. We enjoyed our health so very poorly in that place that I was induced to try a sea voige <which [hole in paper]> I find has greatly improved it. We think of visiting you in the coarse of the Summer.

Immediately on my arrival I wrote to Ward & he & Lucretia arived here four days ago. Ward will return tomorrow & Lucretia will remain with Mrs Howard till I am ready to go to Peekskill when we shall all go together & spend a little time in the country after which I am in hopes that Ward will accompany us to the Eastward.

I met with quite a misfortune. The next morning after Ward arrived here, I got out of bed & in attempting to walk across the Carpet & wash me, I ran a needle in my foot & broke off inside. I immediately sent for a surgeon & had it Scarrified, after a fruitless search for two hours he gave it up & ordered a Poultice of flax seed & Indian Meal for the purpose of drawing it out. This has been repeated for three days but to no use. I began to flatter myself that there is none in, should it be the case I shall be well in a few days. It hapened <[hole in paper]> <to be peculiarly> unfortunate at this time as it is not possible for me to wait on the ladies to see the curiosities & amusements of the city.

I shipped immediately on my arival on board the Neptune Barge consigned to Mr Batcheler for you one Bll sugar & one pair of Portrait likeness of Mrs Howard & Myself. The Sugar is New Orleans Production & so are the Likenesses. They are in gilt frames. I hope they will arrive safe. I leave particulars for Lucretia to write.

I remain your affectionate Son Seth Howard