

The ~~House~~ is not frozen here yet - There is rising twenty  
five houses Building in this village this winter & 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 Levecia Rathburn & Franklin but shall  
forget if they do not write remember me to all relations  
and friends and be pleased to receive the grateful acknowl-  
-gments of your affectionate son William Howard

*Wm Howard*  
*Dear Mother*  
*Remember D. Moore*  
*Wm Howard*  
1815

Mr. Tell Mr. D. Francis there is no Death in his acquaintance  
But Monays innumerable among which are  
Charles Diven to Hetty strang cousin to Catherine, Philletus  
Raymond to Miss Hannah Hunsberry & Jesse Christian  
to Nancy Thur and many more &c  
It is a long time since I heard one word from Leeds

Pekskill Aug 30 1815

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 enjoying 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 excusable 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 necessary 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 visiting

My new & dear connections or returning to the  
Bosom of my Fathers family - But I hope in  
the course of next 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 con-  
clude the two first years of residence here in  
that line must have been somewhat inconven-  
ient and altho. My experience in this branch  
may have been dearly Bought 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 dissolve in the Spring  
The whole business has been transacted on my  
Credit and Fidelity 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 Ill health misfortune  
or disturbance should befall them I shall embrace the first  
opportunity to communicate it to you - The last we heard  
from Seth he was about to ascend the River Mississippi  
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 - Lucet went from Ohio to Pittsburgh thence  
to Erie on Lake Erie where he wrote last he was in  
a Sleigh then going to Kingston Montreal & Quebec  
and thence to Maine or Europe The last improbable  
he was well except his old acquaintance The Rheumatic  
- sore Word 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 in 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 Weather is now here in health likewise  
his family Patia is a Beautiful Girl she learned  
in this village last summer and went to school  
to Pamela Phillips who teaches a learning 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 Seasonal Sleigh ride -

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

*To:* Capt Seth Howard

RBH-0e16

Peekskill

Leeds

County Kennebec D. Maine  
Via Winthrop Post Office

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*Source:* Bowdoin

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 dissolve 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 Ill 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 Mississippi 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 Winthrop Post Office

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Tucksville July 21<sup>th</sup> 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 imagin 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 imagination 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 sterling worth that ought  
to render all contented and happy and draw  
forth a due reverence love and Gratitude to the  
Creating Father - 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 19<sup>th</sup> Inst and was this day  
Buried with the honors of war and Mourning in

Conjunction Two Miles from this Place to which  
The Procession Marched from the house of the  
Deceased Three Miles Escorted by a company  
of Cadets from The Military Academy at West  
Point with the Best Bands of Music in the  
United States The procession was arranged command-  
ed and Directed by my Brother-in-law who was  
selected for that purpose - The procession consisted  
of one hundred and three waggons 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 gratis  
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  
sorrowful than true - We must all die -  
A commemoration 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 Divine 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 Euret I  
believe is in Canada - ~~Wm~~ Phillips lives here his  
daughters are fine accomplished girls which is to  
be expected from their education I have spoke  
frequently with them when we have had  
slewing which has been near a fortnight  
this winter but all gone at present -  
Thus you see we can not enjoy ourselves in  
that pleasurable amusement as you can  
in a claim - Mr O's is yet my partner we  
have yet a large quantity of goods on hand not  
than three thousand dollars worth which it is  
intention to sell before the River opens Business  
continues tolerable good - Mr O's 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 Wm Bridgman and friends and remember me  
to my father's family -

Yours with affection

Mr Pittman Howard

W B Rowland Lansing 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

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Capt  
William Howard

Seeds

County of Kennebec  
In Maine

Wm. H. H. H. H.  
Post Office



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31 2/21/1818 *From:* Rowland B Howard

*To:* Capt Stillman Howard

RBH-0e17

Peekskill

Leeds

County of Kennebeck

D. Maine

Via Winthrop Post Office

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*Source:* Bowdoin

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 Winthrop Post Office

For the following letter

Seth Howard to Capt. Seth Howard,  
Cape Girardeau [?] June 21, 1818,  
[Girardeau?]

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copies of letter not held by Bowdoin

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 hand and the Great meeting is about to take place I am  
a gain tooughkeepsie from here with Cousin Samuel and from  
there I am to spend a week to Judge Johnsons the finest  
family in the world I go to New York City from there

Smiled and Satish send love  
particular to you and all family  
Samuel is in peachill but is  
to be here soon full not to write  
Beth is in tolerable health now  
the last letter we had Nelson  
Secretive

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Newburgh  
May 11

Jesse  
County  
Newburgh  
N.Y.

1812

those are my wishes that are contemplated before I see  
this happy land Give my love to Stillman and family  
Dr and Aurelia often mention me to Little Hornold 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. S. & family  
Hunt Jindsey and family and all every one Ruthless  
Franklin or 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 explet to me a letter  
do write me soon tell the Dr he never has written to  
Secretive me

Newburgh May 9 1812

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 your 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 soldiers on board and we had fine time  
I have written that I am in a new place of course you will expect  
I 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 Newburgh the preference Oh! it is a delightful  
place I have formed but very few acquaintances but those that  
I have are very fine it is very handsomely situated on the  
River and I have never looked out but have seen no less than  
8 or 9 sloops and often the steamboat and always the horse  
boat I dont know as you have ever seen or heard of this horse  
boat but it is a great curiosity the bottom looks like two  
boats and there are wheels that roll between the sides that  
have the appearance of cannon booms the horses go round  
when turning a water mill I think there is eight horses  
it is curious indeed but you have a poor description of it as  
I am not in the habit of describing any such things

I never was so delighted with a place in my life it is very  
lively and very gay but the Gait is not the most attrac-  
tion that it has noticed it is not. Secretive is not a very  
gay girl, I think if you should see me you would think me  
<sup>more</sup> 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  
some 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 <sup>me</sup> to leave  
delightful a place, but home is pleasing and will  
me while my dear Parents live and do <sup>not</sup> think that Secretive  
will ever forget her best friends in the fashionable world  
of Newbury Oh, no, home will be as dear to me as ever  
altho' I have formed many very dear connections here  
but I shall be favoured with a correspondence with them  
after I arrive at my native home but the tears still  
down when I think of leaving them and I cannot help  
it altho' you may say I ought to be stimulated by  
the affection to you Oh I am no child's room in warmen  
with affection for these good Parents that your child that  
now addresses you. how beautifully I am dealt with  
Parents and friend it would be ungrateful for me  
to wish for more some times I say Oh that you lived

all together but this would be too much for one to possess  
Parents and friends all in one vicinity I cannot wish it  
now I must stop the bell rings for the last time and  
must go to church I was in hopes to finish my letter  
before 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 happiness would  
be complete My dear Uncle and Aunt are seated by me and  
are requesting me to give love to your uncle is highly flattered  
with his new prospect here Oh they are Parents to me  
I never shall forget their kindness to me and I hope you  
will ever have in mind their goodness now I had room I  
could try to describe the goodness of my dear than kind  
Brothers never was a sister so blest before and good school  
Brothers and Cousins I adore them all they seem more  
like sisters than Cousins Uncle Bailey's family are included  
but Oh we must part and what shall I do we are often  
all together and fully as possible when the word is said  
part from Secretive our feelings cannot be suppressed  
I received a letter from Ward this morning from Newbury  
he is in health a few days since I had one from Bowland  
in Peekskill he is also in health Everet the same he has  
become a labourer in the Occum mill they flourish  
with their Occum Bowland is a trading as usual I have  
been his clerk for several weeks until I came here  
Cousin Joseph has gone to school he has lived with him a  
year he will return soon I well what do you think  
about my coming home do you think it is time if you

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33 5/9/1819 *From:* Lucretia Howard

*To:* Seth Howard Esq

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Newburg

Leeds

County Kennebeck

D.M.

To be left at Winthrop Post  
Office

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*Source:* Bowdoin

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 written 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 preference. Oh! it is a delightfull place. I have formed but very few acquaintance but those that I have are very fine.

It is very handsomely 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 gaiety 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, although 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 posses 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 before 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]><[torn page]> 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 suppressed.

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 Pamela [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. Pamela 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.

Adieu.

Lucretia [Howard]

[Envelope]

Newburgh

May 11

Seth Howard Esq

Leeds

County Kennebeck

D.Me

To be left at Winthrop Post Office

New York June 11<sup>th</sup> 1841

Dear Parents

I have the pleasure to inform you of my being in New York. I left New Haven on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May & arrived in New York 29<sup>th</sup> of the same month. we experienced a tolerable 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 inclined to try a sea voyage. As I find her greatly improved it, we think of visiting you in the course of the summer. Immediately on my arrival I wrote to Uncle & the Secretaries arrived here four days ago. Uncle will return tomorrow & Secretaries will remain with Mr. Howard till I am ready to go to Putnam when we shall all go together & spend a little time in the country after which I am in hopes that Uncle will accompany us to the Fairmount

I met with quite a misfortune, the next  
morning after ~~Wills' arrival~~ here, I got out of  
bed & in attempting to walk across the carpet  
& wash me, I run 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  
that there is none in, should it be the case  
I shall be well in a few days - it happened  
preweverly unfortunate at this time as it  
is not possible for one to wait on the Ladies  
to see the exercises & amusements of the City  
I shipped immediately on my arrival on board  
the Captains Barge, consigned to Mr. Batchelor  
for you One Bbl Sugar & One peck of Potatoes  
like up of Mr. Howard & myself the Sugar is New Orleans  
Production & so are the Potatoes they are in  
gilt furnace I hope they will come safe. I leave  
Portugal for Liscia to write I remain  
your affectionate Son  
T. M. Howard

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34 6/11/1819 *From:* Seth Howard

*To:* Dear Parents [Seth Howard]

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New York

*Source:* Bowdoin

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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 BlI 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