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36 6/25/1819 *From:* W.B. Howard

Peekskill

RBH-0e20

To: Captn Seth Howard

Leeds County of Kennebeck Me

Source: Bowdoin

Peekskill 25 June 1819

My dear Mother

I seize a moment to inform you that six of your children are now with me (including myself) all in perfect health. I rec'd your letter some time since for which inestimable favor I tender you my gratefull thanks. I wrote to Stillman immediately on the receipt of your letter on the subject of its contents. I have rece'd his answer from Boston. I shall refrain from writing on that subject as in all probability Seth or myself or both of us will visit you a few weeks after the receipt of this.

I have much to inform you & the limmits of a letter are wholly inadequate to express my feelings of Gratitude to you & my kind & indulgent father, by chance I saw your letter to Everett who is now with me. I was extremely happy to hear from you, but regret extremely that any sentiments expressed by my kind & affectionate mother should in any particular be exceptionable, that part alluding to C. Fillebrown I highly approve his conduct I am well convinced deserves the disapprobation of each individual of our family & I assure you is not acceptable to my Dear Sister Lucretia. But when you tread on the subject of her union with an other person and discover a considerable anxiety for its accomplishment, I must by leave to chide you on that subject and flatter myself from the generous sentiments I know you to possess, you will never urge a union of your daughter with one who is not of her choice. I have no time to portray the consequences, suffice it to say evils of the most serious nature have often resulted from this interference of parents in selecting partners for their children.

Give my best respects to my father. I shall endeavor to visit you when Lucretia returns which will probably be in July. If not at that time I shall so arrange my business to see you in the fall. Untill then except this assurance of my feelings of gratitude and tender affection for each of you.

Your Son W.B. Howard

N.B. I shall probably have occasion to use the horse while to Oliver Otis when I arrive there for his base conduct & conversation respecting me.

PS. Lucretia and all your children send love to you. W.B.H.

[Envelope] Peekskill 25 June [Postage] 18 ¹/₂ Captn Seth Howard Leeds County of Kennebeck Me

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37 7/16/1819 *From:* Ward B. Howard

RBH-0e21

Source: Bowdoin

16th July 1819

Dear Father & Mother

After I gave up the Ideia of returning with Lucretia I intended writing a long letter to you but have neglected it untill the eve of her departure & shall now be under the necessity of refering you to her for every information respecting me. Your repeated favors & kind offices to me, through life merit & shall ever command my gratitude. In condescending to let Lucretia visit me you have laid me under a double obligation to you, & be assured it shall never be forgotten. I can truly say I have enjoyed more pleasure in her society for nine months past than I have before enjoyed during my absence, no trifling obstacle would have prevented my returning with her. It would be a source of gratification to me to restore to the arms of my beloved parents in person this idol of my heart. She will teach you to forget the loss of all your absent children. My regrett at the thought of parting with her is more than I can express. I could in no way reconcile myself to this event but from the consideration that your claims are paramount to mine. I flatter myself you will excuse my detaining her so long when you discover her complete restoration to health. Should her health again become impaired let no time be lost in giving me information for a change of climate is perhaps the only restoration. Dear Mother excuse my occupying so much of my letter on the subject of my sister & do not consider for a moment my attachment to her detracts in the least frm the love I bare to you. On the other hand it is to you I am indebted for having such a sister & for the many virtues she possesses. I have only to add, whatever her prospects may hereafter be, I earnestly hope in the selection of a partner for life that no mercenary motives may influence her friends or her in such choice.

I long to see you all once more. I do not wholly despair of making you a visit this fall. Be pleased to accept this assurance of my fondest affection & gratitude to each of you, & thro you to our family respectively.

Ward B. Howard

Capt'n Seth Howard Leeds Me <> by Lucretia Howard To: Capt'n Seth Howard

Leeds Me

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38 10/3/1819 *From:* Seth Howard

Peekskill

RBH-0e22

Source: Bowdoin

To: Doct Thomas Bridgham

Leeds Maine via Winthrop Post Office

Peekskill Oct 3d 1819

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to inform you of our safe arival at Doct Baileys on Friday Evening but makeing thirteen days from home. We arived at Bridgwater the Friday after we left you. We remained their till Monday morning, it raining without intermission Saturday & Sunday. We had extreme good luck whether it was oweing to the very particular & obliging prayers of Mr Barrel or my own good fortune that naturly attends me when I am journeying I cannot say whatever cause it may have originated from. It would not in the <least> diminish the excelled opinion I entertain of his sincerity I should have felt myself under equil obligations let the occult have been what it might.

Mary stood her journey remarkably well considering all things, the Horse was rather inclined to fail towards the last but like Hudebrasses warier he is determined not to die yet. The carriage performed remarkably well & underwent no more dislocations.

We had the happyness of finding all our friends in very good health & seemed pleased to see us. Please excuse the word seemed - a deep & thorough knowledge of the world has put this & other words of the same meaning in to my noddle & unless I am very circumspect they will come out where in some instances they are entirely useless & perhaps ungenerous.

Everet & Ward came to Doct Bailys on Saturday Evening & last Evening I returned with them to this place leaving Mary at the Doct's for a few days. Rowland is here, & talks some of going to the state of Maine. I have no advice from the Southward in consequence of which I shall remain here longer than I did expect. I fear I shall suffer great losses from the failures both at New Orleans & Charleston. It is useless to attempt to discribe feellings that are the inmate of every bosom that posssesses a heart of sensibility particularly one who has been the child of misfortune. I refer <you> to the partial knowledge you have of my <[torn page]> & disposition & the principal that regulates my actions. I cannot say my feellings because they appeal to a higher source of originallity & then fancy to yourself with what care I can stem the wildest torrent of adversity, that independence of soul which god has condescended to bestow on me can never fail, whither I am possessed of every luxury that affluence can give or whether I am confined to the dreary walls of a prison, I shall remain steadfastly the same. There is none can know me but those that can feel like me & to Such only will my sentiments & opinions appear rational. How frequently have I been amused or rather disgusted with the sarcastick & illiberal observations of some, of company I have frequented before this, on my sensability & want of life & animation. Believe me I do not envy them their enjoyments but rather pity their infatuations knowing they never enjoy that refined sense of feelling stored in a mind conversant with itself.

Please excuse my haste. Remember me to Aurelia & all my friends. I shall write to my parents when I have some leisure.

<Ada> yours affectionately Seth Howard

[Envelope] Peekskill October 4

Doct Th<omas Bridgham [torn page]> <Leeds> via Winthrop [Post Office]

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The pleasure of her loss pay one lorning & yesterday after noon ward took her to her harthers. The thas not get actenned pamelia will remain here some time the left her Queents & friends in good health, & Days her Then Firther is doing very well, Ward is a building ite his New house - time, and very hard & money it. Searce - Counit Started from here day before yester -I no - day for the South, he has conducted to imporeits -dently, What I think he has not a procence in year Puckshill except his brothers, from wahat I ear by th Understand Marde thas conducted very an the , & liberally lowards this paid him principal long & intrest for every thing he ever had of him & charged him nothing for any on peones the thas lac been to him dince he has been leving there ofter flore I am sensible he neve will be thank for it - Mowland I believe is preparing to return In the State of Maine puty thorthe. I am waiting to seciae Some letters that have through mistate been forwarded to Wollowed after which of I do not go to the South I shall commence the study of the Law

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39 11/20/1819 *From:* Seth Howard

RBH-0e23

Peekskill

Source: Bowdoin

Peekskill Nov 20 th 1819

Dear Parents

To: Dear Perents [Capt Seth Howard] [Leeds]

I have the pleasure to inform you that all your relation & friends in this part of the country enjoy very good health at present, contrary to my expectations when I left you. I think it pretty likely I shall not go to the south this winter, in consequence of letters recvd from New Orleans no longer ago than last Evening. I have made up my mind to tarry here for a short time at <?erents>.

Mary enjoys her health tollerably well. I have moved my furniture from New York here & commenced keeping house. Mrs Howard is often wishing for Lucretia to spend the winter with her. If she was here, I have no doubt she would if Possible enjoy herself better than she did last. I occupy one of Wards houses which I have fitted up in very handsome stile. We had quite a party last Evening & company more or less every evening.

Pamelia is now here, came from Newburgh day before yesterday in Company with Miss Johnson. We had the pleasure of her company one Evening & yesterday afternoon. Ward took her to her Fathers. He has not yet returned. Pamelia will remain here some time. She left her Parents & friends in good health, & says her Father is doing very well. Ward is a building his New house. Times are very hard & money scarce.

Everet started from here day before yesterday for the South. He has conducted so imprudently, that I think he has not so friends in Peekskill except his brothers. From what I can understand Ward has conducted very <> & liberally towards him, paid him principal & interest for every thing he ever had of him & charged him nothing for any expence he has been to him since he has been living here. I am sensible he never will be thanked for it. Rowland I believe is preparing to return to the State of Maine pretty shortly.

I am waiting to receive some letters that have through mistake been forward to Hallowel after which if I do not go to the South I shall commence the study of the Law. This perhaps may surprise you, but all the business is now at a stand & nothing doing & being situated as I am with the advantage of an excellent library I have taken every thing <[hole cut in paper]> & flatter myself it <[hole cut in paper]> do. To be shure it <[hole cut in paper]> , but have I <[hole cut in paper]> to go through with it? <[hole cut in paper]> more than 27 years <[hole cut in paper]> & perseverance by the <[hole cut in paper]> can commence the <[hole cut in paper]> you a gain before long <[hole cut in paper]> our friends & relations we <[hole cut in paper]> to hear from you often <[hole cut in paper]> write to Mrs Howard <[hole cut in paper]> I remain your

Seth Howard