Levis Much 7 th 1820 Oly heur Coz. -I leing toft a line for a few more ant I though I would set down and write, and to write what was last in my mind but not least in my esteem would be to write to and of your Indied I have your miniture afore me when I go to sleep and when I wake and were it not fainted it is imprinted with an endellible stain on my heart and ever promining and visable in my minds eye I may have spoken represent ful May have writer "ad monitions" to your my Dear core, get I always popul that sinstitutely toward you that made about the man to have in your sonows me even parish in your sonows to say a feel for the happiness of Parnelia would be superfluous Burhaps the does for mine - what shall clean of mys of! -That I am almost in a state of ence! neither lusings or pleasen hope or fear love or kated seem to exercise any domineon over me - aut now and ther a little resolution of late seems to come putty our me and I am in some hopes I shall shortly look about me and endeavour to find a little firstatude and ambition and once again make some kind of figure in the wide world Some part of the part winter of home spent very gay and lively have been to many parties sleigh rides be have table seconoused plays sung hijsaft te and have seen many lafer interesting and me lake entertuning have not inproved brush in the art of tolling or in the skill of evering have seen but lettle to interest the heart the upe or understanding execute what the great areliance of notine unfold to view on which is a leasure moment of Cost an eye of inspection where we always find something new and pleasing to man kind, But stay says your letter is all a dirigipion! I beg pardon - you kind little I record detect Parkskier and not having any thing to interest you will plead my except the anothing to write nothing did I say I have every thing to write -Attor care to mind how much plenime enjoyed in Perkitell real solid comfort of which I was then sunsible as well as now but more foreably when deprived of it - oh more that cal could now for the take hold of your right

What thange things immagenation will hist in ones head but come my sen you will take my own I hope one we will take a walk down to our log by the thedown where we will not ourselves down and meditate now eller Bray in forms me in the great room where the noise buf of guntees would sature the ear together with the sweet meladies of the flute usolin and clarent have divindled to ward execut Lanny and shound and the cred of one wheten Cat how unlike the former house of gag and mith where I have met Vamelin oft with a receptorated Smile that would seem to bespeak our hearts at easit Oh what inwherent sinteness my invogeration is so prolipich my heart is so full they so confuse my heart I can not write The every reasons that should orge me to say more I saw your tetter to my dear fisher (who by the way toolks of his Dear course Pamelia almost every hour in the day It contained a great many little incidents precuedently grotifying ho my feelings and you can not write long thing that would not be and your can't help yourself when I can steel time I sot mysof down and read own our Course of letters bagether which pleasure I have indulge myself in eight or him times bener I arrived in this place cuchen I have no fresh supply of thoughts afor future hoppings I go hack and partially live over those hours of have proped aways a I must introduce you to my course this a going lady who has brotwethstanding my drowing writing) which a flow of natural talent that would almost animate a statue - the has west sense and a pocked takent nothing. but cultivation worting to first he in the superties degrees I wish you had his as a schollar you would be so pleased with his sais If you sie my going priends at Beitholiel you will not forget. to vary to then face the good things I should were Ither myself I have more than once resolved to hum this letter and reneroland I have Hough how Inneedly you around mine from Redhook which was written the deepert sincerety I have again though what blegging letter your have suit me how much your last did I am not get deplaces of

40 3/7/1820 From: R. B. Howard To: Cousin Patia [Bailey]

RBH-0e24a Leeds

Source: Bowdoin

Leeds March 7th 1820

My Dear Coz,

I being left a lone for a few moment I thought I would set down and write, and to write what was last in my mind, but not least in my esteem would be to write to and of you. Indeed I have your miniature before me when I go to sleep and when I wake and were it not Painted it is imprinted with an indellible stain on my heart and ever prominantly visable in my minds eye.

I may have spoken reproachfull, May have writen "admonitions" to you my Dear coz. Yet I always possessed that sinsabilility toward you that should cause me to be a partaker in your joys and a companion in your sorrows. To say I feel for the happiness of Pamelia would be superfluous. Perhaps she does for mine. What shall I say of myself? That I am almost in a state of enui! Neither business or pleasure, hope or fear, love or hatred seem to exercise any dominion over me, but now and then a little resolution of late seems to come fully over me and I am in some hopes I shall shortly look about me and endeavour to find a little fortitude and ambition and once again make some kind of figure in the wide world.

Some part of the past winter I have spent very gay and lively, have been to many parties, sleigh rides &c, have conversed, played, sung, <> &c. - and have seen many lasses interesting and more or less entertaining have not improved much in the art of Politeness or in the skill of wooing have seen but little to interest the heart the eye or understanding except what the great volume of nature unfold to view on which in a leasure moment I cast an eye of inspection where we always find something new and pleasing to mankind, but stay says you! Your letter is all a dirgression! I beg pardon - your kind letter I received dated Peekskill Decem 14 and not having any thing to interest you will plead my excuse for not answering you sooner and now I have nothing to write. I begin - Nothing did I say. I have everything to write. I often call to mind how much pleasure we enjoyed in Peekskill, real solid comfort of which I was then sensible as well as now but more forceably when deprived of it. Oh that I could now take hold of your right hand I would tell you, — nothing but.

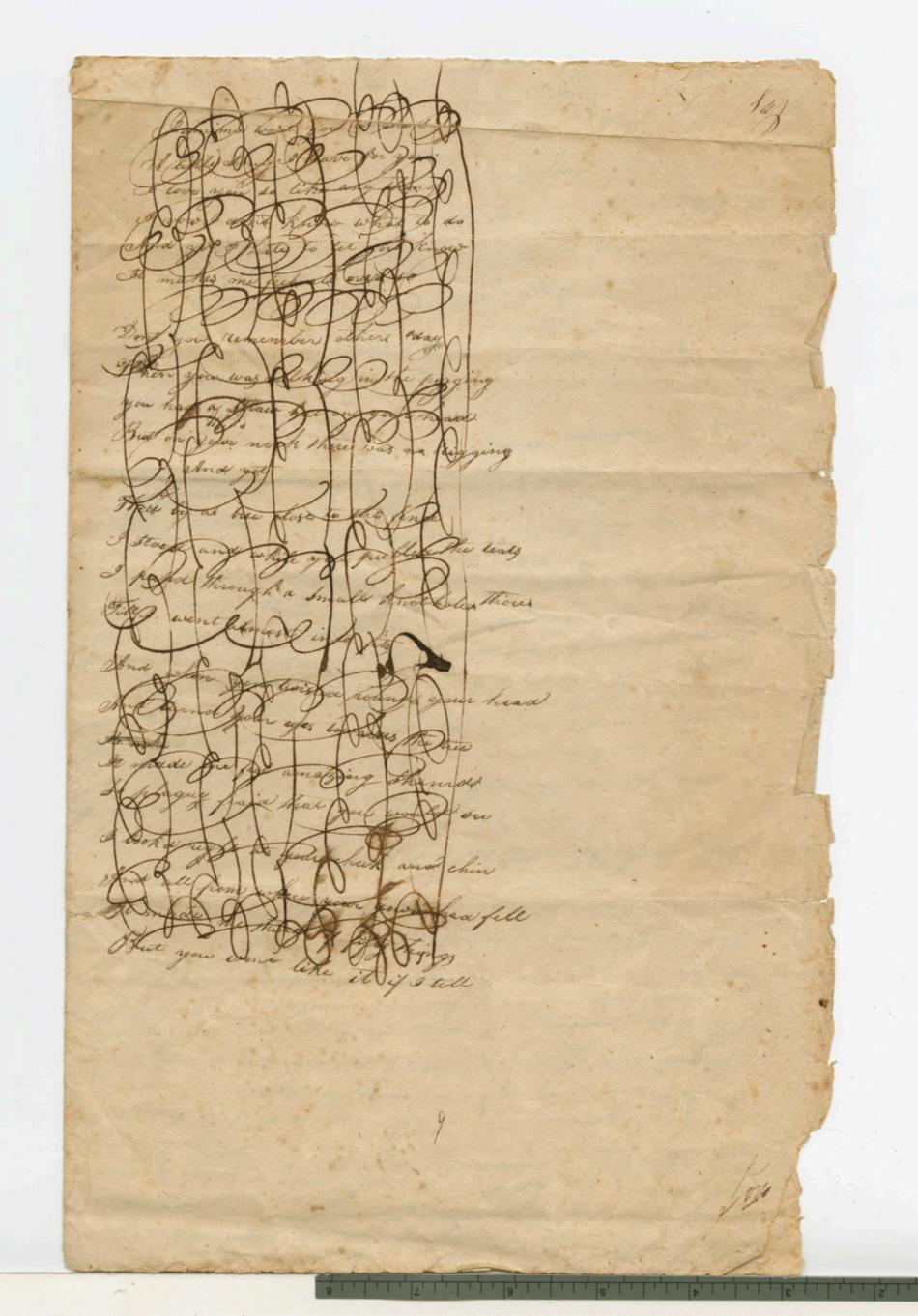
What strange things immagination will put in ones head but come my Dear P- you will take my arm I hope and we will take a walk down to our log by the Hudson where we will set ourselves down and meditate. Now Mr Pray informs me in the great room where the noisy <> of Yankees would salute the ear together with the sweet melodies of the flute violin and clarinet have dwindled to Ward Aunt Fanny and steward and the mewing of one solitary cat. How unlike the former house of joy and mirth where I have met Pamelia oft with a reciprocated smile that would seem to bespeak our hearts at ease. Oh what incoherent sentences my imagination is so prolifick. My heart is so full. They so confuse my head I can not write. The very reasons that should urge me to say more.

I saw your letter to my Beloved sister (who by the way talks of her Dear cousin Pamelia almost every hour in the day). It contained a great many little incidents pecululearly gratifying to my feelings and you can not write any thing that would not be. So "you cant help yourself" when I can steal time I set myself down and read over our course of letters together which pleasure I have indulged myself in eight or ten times since I arrived in this place . When I have no fresh supply of thoughts of future happiness I go back and partially live over those hours that I have found away. I must introduce you to my cousin Ann a young lady who has (notwithstanding my drowsy writing) such a flow of natural talent that would almost animate a statue. She has wit sense Beauty and a musical poetical talent nothing but cultivation wanting to put her in the superlative degree. I wish you had her as a schollar. You would be so pleased with her. If you see my yong friends at Peekskill you will not forget to say to them for now all the good things. I should were I there myself. I have more than once resolved to burn this letter and reresolved I have thought how <ironically> you answered mine from Redhook which was written in the deepest sincerity. I have again though what obliging letter you have sent me how much your last did please me how corresponding with my friends is the last pleasure. I am not yet deprived of.

Harristen Johan 1800 I de it was the fact little Brown to hand with which I was much gratified and am highly pleased to think that I can how intelligence from you so how in so that a time as it respects the \$5 hell I sent you it was not of the Allen money in that was only one 5 dall Bill which I took particular notice of at the time it was of the Mountain Brook & Good And as It regards Maids Note you write you thought of Inding it to me now if he has not mony of his own he has your Know I was in evert y money when I lift your house however if you choose send the note and I will form The money and intent insmedently as I never intended Good Know that any of ony friends should love any things or suffer any in convenience from one - see see Crowford his bargin is good enough if he hadbot the Allen note My horse to besure is a very good horse old & heavy, and could not sell him for fifty Dels- And it will cost me that he Winter him I have not hear from Evert yet I want you to write me very often it eville not take you but a fiew onemust and offerd me hours of please Doet Pellacity of yours office how they BABacona Comin Detia I was very hopping surprised When in ofrening your Papa Letter of found my hen cousin Arvella Leaningly in cenison with you) had been so good as to send me a few lines I suppose the has left you before this or The would claim of anythe this return the writer offertunate and sinsible to los datal too I have many asknowledge monto to make especially for her thoughtfulny in requising Amelia To write - I feel too sensibly the laft of sustained in lever gens my grant coming and as for my returning in a few gens as hoppy is fortunithed and many to altogether Problem atrial as hoppy is fortunithed and are as get in good all at present is to compartably Tituded and are as get in good heart with the specific one conveying many to the relations one sick heart the period one holf of the inhabitance one sick in the fewer and adjust his freeze or the fever and adjust the form I was lost within the fewer or the fever and adjust when I was lost within

becoure Jeas poor and without burings now when in Cursings to spense Engliance hours with you would be the alelight of my life, but seems I must remain a pupil of adversity little was a property that adverse that carries one from the plat that of your sourcedy there is nothing shall definine me of your good will or at least I am sesolved to deserve it and the it your study my Dew Cox to be know the thethere doughter an Obliging and offertweate tester and ere long you may be an worther happy companion at any rate if you will be digwar girl you shall have a lease when you want one of name if I shall This will remain as an other proposed love you Quin Joseph, altho last not least in my sim became Sine you leved with me you have ever seemed to me like an other bother I feel much intrest in your laction and as I think much in your future life coill defined on your low howingst as much or possible while you me get under hours that being the best in for in prove ment I know you have a good heart and him for in prove ment I know you have a good heart and Generales feelings and a mind sufrifitable and capable of in provement Threfore as you grow older there will be much expected from your and I trust all expectations will be agreedly answered Att requires much to make the man and that Knowledge the techich is Amost beneficial in ye's to Know yourset - Phad I lear modelfal in life I would never home wellingly ported with you But as it is you so apound that you hough the love & ester ggar course & (I) I shall write to Benfor When I hem from Evenet and know whether I have this city this face or not - may love to him and we the family Dumember me to Ward Ath De I shall with to Muse inclined

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41 9/1/1820 *From:* R. B. Howard *To:* Doct R. Bailey

RBH-0e24b Harrisburg

Source: Bowdoin

Harrisburg Sept 1820

Dear Sir

I Received yours of August 25th five days from the date. It was the first letter that came to hand with which I was much gratified and am highly pleased to think that I can have intelligence from you so far in so short a time. As it respects the \$5 bill I sent you it was not of the Allen money in that was only one 5 doll Bill which I took particular notice of at the time. It was of the <Nowhaten> Bank & Guard. And as it regards Wards Note you write you thought of sending it to me. Now if he has not money of his own he has of mine in his command to pay two such notes as that and you know I was in want of money when I left your house. However if you choose send the note and I will forward the money and interest immediately as I never intended (God know) that any of my friends should loose any thing or suffer any inconvenience from me. As for Crawford his bargin is good enough if he had lost the Allen note. My horse to be sure is a very good horse old & heavy and I could not sell him for fifty Dolls. And it will cost me that to Winter him. I have not heard from Evert yet. I want you to write me very often. It will not take you but a few minutes and afford me hours of pleasure.

Yours affectionately, R. B. Howard

Doct R. Bailey

42 9/1/1820 *From*: R. B. Howard *To*: Cousin Patia [Bailey]

RBH-0e24c Harrisburg

Source: Bowdoin

Cousin Patia

I was very Agreeably surprised when in opening your Papa Letter I found my Dear cousin Arvilla (seemingly in unison with you) had been so good as to send me a few lines. I suppose She has left you before this or She would claim of right this return. She writes affectionate and sensible to coz sarah too. I have many acknowledgements to make especially for her thoughtfulness in requesting Arvilla to write. I feel too sensibly the loss I sustained in leaving my such good cousins and as for my "returning in a few years as happy as fortune can make me" is altogether Problematical. All at present is that I am comfortably situated and am as yet in good health while they are conveying many to the silent tomb about me. It is now very sickly and one half of the inhabitants at least are sick with the fever or the fever and Ague but I never was so well in my life. I was quite unhappy when I was last with you because I was poor and without business. Now when in business to spend my leasure hours with you would be the delight of my life, but it seems, I must still remain a pupil of adversity for every thing is adverse that carries me from my friends. Altho deprived of your society there is nothing shall deprive me of your good will or at least I am resolved to deserve it. Make it your study my Dear Coz to be a kind & dutiful daughter an obliging and affectionate sister and ere long you may be a worthy and happy companion. At any rate if you will be a good Girl you shall have a beau when you wantt one. Now if I should not live to see you again.

This will remain as an other prof of love from your cousin R.

Cousin Joseph, altho last not least in my remembrance since you lived with me you have ever seemed to me like an other brother I feel much intrest in your welfare and as I think much in your future life will depend on your Education I would press the propriety on your mind of improving it as much as posible while you are yet under twenty. That being the best time for improvement. I know you have a good heart and Generous feelings and a mind susceptable and capable of improvement. Therefore as you grow older there will be much expected from you and I trust all expectations will be agreeably answered. It requires much to make the man and that knowledge which is most beneficial in life is to know yourself. Had I been successful in life I would never have willingly parted with you. But as it is you must rest assured of the love & esteem of your cousin R.

P.S. I shall write to Benjm. When I hear from Everet and know whether I leave this City this fall or not. My love to him and all the family. Remember me to Ward Seth &c. I shall write to Ward.

Dear Brother

I shall inclose this in a letter to the Doctor.

Mr. Ronlande P. Driwardo, Ger Sir I have this day received your Seller of 18th well, and was not a little surprised to Ginds it dated at al Sown so remotel from the place where I at Girst had the pleas we to become acquainted with you. Ivery much regret that your mercantile for suit in my own dear native states, were not growned with success, and wish that Fould give more encourage. - ment for coming to this place in order to retrieve your former Shis City is a great place for trade daparayour, but, there are so many american stepping in yor a share in it, that I scarcely dave invited you to take up your residence houl. But this much will I venture to say that if you mus here at this time I could get you a fretty good situation with a Grocer , who wishes to engage a young man immediately. There are many situations vigant at present owing to so many young mon having died with The Fives the past Summer, but as the Merchants are now returning broceed with their business imme bately

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43 10/18/1820 *From:* Larry Dusenberry

RBH-0e25 New Orleans

Source: Bowdoin

To: Mr Rowland B Howard

Harrisburg Pennsylvania Forwarded to Lexington Virgina

New Orleans Oct 18th 1820

Mr Rowland B Howard

Dear Sir.

I have this day received your Letter of 16th ult. and was not a little surprised to find it dated at a Town so remote from the place where I at first had the pleasure to become acquainted with you. I very much regret that your mercantile pursuits in my own dear native state, were not crowned with success, and wish that I could give you encouragement for coming to this place in order to retrieve your former losses.

This City is a great place for trade I assure you, but there are so many Americans stepping in for a share in it, that I scarcely dare invite you to take up your residence here.

But this much will I venture to say that if you was here at this time I could get you a pretty good situation with a Grocer, who wishes to engage a young man immediately. There are many situations vacant at present owing to so many young men having died with the Fever the past Summer, but as the Merchants are now returning <[torn page]> proceed with their business immediately,

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you would also be informed that they were erecting a tomb for him or getting a coffin made. I have taken great care of myself, and have been remarkably preserved through the sickly season, and another year I shall not feel much apprehension as to my fate, considering myself as having become somewhat inured to the Climate.

Now Sir, after all that I have said relative to the uncertainty of your getting in business here, six weeks or two months hence you should think proper to come here for that purpose. I and my friends will try what we can do for you. I mention six weeks or two months hence because I suppose you could not reach here until some time in the month of Decr.

With much respect, I remain truly yours Larry Dusenberry

[Envelope]
Forward
Mr Rowland B. Howard
Harrisburg [was crossed out] Lexington
Pennsylvania [was crossed out] Virginia
[Postmark] New Orleans Oct 22
[Postmark] Harrisburg PA Nov 29

I go to Therein a throwing over often and an weepy to enfort that within I should done no more in that particular . I have not There is enjoy very good health which is something green for his and any new productions of late except the Invento Thate I presented your remembers and low for which I weeked some The total control of the All Dec 20. 1820 - control of the there squal to them for you age, and preside from you had really I have proported when send he was now it was no send he extremely imported wire admire his wirling They Dear the Dedocate the lower all and police to donall complement. Oly will are thedaying the Fane Sammy this very You have no doubt eve this succeived a letter from. the defend the second sport south from the set the second for to cousin Ward containing the applicating intelligence of your brother to a proprient in the accomplishment thorower by what Everetts last illness and death - I would my dear cousin of it I have the advantage of the little adiplicate of his her has and asking as here the advantage of their throughpy were in my power endeavour to console you under this dispen sation of Browdence When I consider your lonely setwation as I should term it I think the death of your betther & must be doubly afflicting to you and conclude that though I can I have spired a first play free pleasant at the study this do but little towards mitigating your sorrows my letter will not be unwelcome and I really wish I had something to The first of the state of the s send you that would serve as a cordial to your sports but ales! all I have to affer is a sympathing heart Undows celly you very well remember my inability to express my ideas your have four protein abenday's follow up lower or ous route wish I am sorry to say I have not improved in the detail y wiver to fe time many for the left for flow or the least since sou left here and I fear I must always leave shows there is the the land to the puticion my freinds to imagine my dentements -wenter here but have been persuaded so much by a few that I have at length yester to their inticates and have taken any winter quarters at Mr Briefsells . The present state of society on I.K. how been no indocument I can apour your . you will naturally conclude so when I inform you that in fromt of I was think of nothing more to tell you that would talents it has made a retrograde movement for months past Tis there we have some few persons of the first rate matical and acquired abilities but you know the same for seldom asserlight my head weaker for your health wind happing ate with the young people of this place consequently we denve I am your affectionate courses and no benefit from their superior knowledge which with me is a mostler of deep regret of However I spend my lessure momento very pleasantly in reacting and have been they read some of Doct Johnsons writings and much say of Jeoule write with as much ease as his writings appear to have been

written. I should desire no more in their particular - I have not neucl any view productions of late except Mr Irvings Sketch Book and of course I much be delighted with his Shetches for that is the fashion und if it were not I should for once in my life be extremely ungentiel and admire his writing Thursday Dee 121 m yester even Mr Birdsall and lady with myself and their young son Daniel took to at Mr Medad Kaymonds had a very pleasant visit, was in hodered to a a brother of elle to who aroused in this place a few weeks since and remouns here in the character of a Redagoque whether he will be an organise from to our society or not I am unable to say I understand how ever that he exceld in singing . By the by what think you cousin he is who in former times same so much for you have almost abandoned the practice Sometimes troo or three weeks pajo and do not sing one song I have added but few new ones to my list of songe, this seuson A thought has occurred that you may not thank me for my egotion I will therefore by to give you something about your ot apoceater . Mr Pray is in our town but never troubles any passons Imean he selvom goes out From every appearance his office is the only attraction for him in this place - I do not see him often, but some his return from Mance I think him usumally agreeable and asuite his you humour to his extreme you fortune in obtaining the day of life in the has in the I know but little concerning Dr Strange Jamely The counsellor is quite as attentice to his business as ever wint nothing more I have not resited ellip 6. A since fish August and have not had the pleasure of meeting her at any fourty but once since that time I hear she has been to town this full cond has no hunce we the the gashions a la mode chew york . Indge Constant men and daughters are almost my only appointes in this place I frequently spend a pleasant from with them - well here we have abrick Lett and levy & Mr Gollanh and lade I know but lettle concerning them and care as much

Igo to Judge voluntari's very often and am happy to inform that Lucia enjoya very good health which is something onew for her I presented your remembrances and love for which I received some thing equal to them for you - you must person me but really I have forgotten what she said however nest apared it was no Small complement -My sestin are studying the French language this win tor and I have taken several lepons but de not profeso to be a profesent in that accomplishment - However by what I have learned lately with the little I know before I am an abled to read French with a little satisfection and as my sisters when I go home of attacher I hope to profix by their knowledges when I go home -I have spend a fortnight very pleasanty at Okroburgh this fall, left all friends enjoying good health about ten storys since When I would at . The I had the pleasure & perusing a letter from you to your brother to and am happy to learn & that you have once more found so chety that a cords with your taste your brother Valentine sent arousin Roard or detail of cousin Lucretie's marriage t which took place on the eleventh of November - you of course have hard the particulars from Maine. As for Mrs Leadbeley the has quite nighted me the fast summer and I intend to fay her in he own coin . Uncle Backey's furfly die in good health. Cousin Benjamin is engaged in the study of This with Doch Hot of this place and is a very interesting little girl be in the least entertaining . -Touth my best wishes for your health and happiness I'am your affectionale cousin Pameler _

44 12/20/1820 *From:* Pamela [Phillips]

Peekskill

To: Mr Rowland B Howard

Lexington

Virginia

Source: Bowdoin

RBH-0e26

Peekskill Dec 20, 1820

My Dear R

You have no doubt ere this received a letter from cousin Ward containing the afflicting intelligence of your brother Everett's last illness and death. I would my dear cousin if it were in my power endeavour to console you under this dispensation of Providence. When I consider your lonely situation, as I should term it, I think the death of your brother E must be doubly afflicting to you and conclude that, though I can do but little towards mitigating your sorrows, my letter will not be unwelcome, and I really wish I had something to send you that would serve as a cordial to your spirits, but alas! all I have to offer is a sympathizing heart. Undoubtedly you very well remember my inability to express my ideas as I could wish. I am sorry to say I have not improved in the least since you left here and I fear I must always leave my friends to imagine my sentiments.

When I wrote to you last I had no idea of spending the winter here but have been persuaded so much by a few that I have at length yielded to their entreaties and have taken my winter quarters at Mr Birdsall. The present state of society in P.K. has been no inducement I can assure you. You will naturally conclude so when I inform you that in point of talents it has made a retrograde movement for months past. Tis true we have some few persons of the first rate natural and acquired abilities, but you know the same few seldom associate with the young people of this place, consequently we derive no benefit from their superior knowledge, which with me is a matter of deep regret. However I spend my leisure moments very pleasantly in reading and have recently read some of Doct Johnsons writings, and must say if I could write with as much ease as his writings appear to have been written, I should desire no more in that particular. I have not read any new productions of late except Mr Irving's Sketch-Book and of course I must be delighted with his sketches, for that is the fashion and if it were not I should for once in my life be extremely ungenteel and admire his writing.

Thursday Dec. 21st. Yester even Mr Birdsall and lady with myself and their young son Daniel took tea at Mr Mcdad Raymonds, had a very pleasant visit, was introduced to a brother of Mr R, who arrived in this place a few weeks since and remains here in the character of a Pedagogue, whether he will be an acquisition to our society or not I am unable to say. I understand however that he excels in singing. By the by what think you Cousin R I, who in former times, sang so much for you have almost abandoned the practice. Sometimes two or three weeks pass and I do not sing one song. I have added but few new ones to my list of songs, this season.

A thought has occurred that you may not thank me for my egotism I will therefore try to give you something about your old associates. Mr Pray is in our town but never troubles any person - I mean he seldom goes out. From every appearance his office is the only attraction for him in this place. I do not see him often, but since his return from Maine I think him unusually agreeable and ascribe his good humour to his extreme good fortune in obtaining the "Joy of life".

I know but little concerning Dr Strang's family. The counsellor is quite as attentive to his business as ever and nothing more. I have not visited Miss C.A. since last August and have not had the pleasure of meeting her at any party but once since that time. I hear she had been to town this fall and has returned with the fashions a la mode New York. Judge Constants niece and daughters are almost my only associates in this place. I frequently spend a pleasant hour with them. Well here we have Uncle Seth and lady & Mr Gilbert and lady. I know but little concerning them, and care as much.

I go to Judge Johnston's very often and am happy to inform you that Lucia enjoys very good health which is something new for her. I presented your remembrances and love for which I received something equal to them for you. You must pardon me but really I have forgotten what she said, however rest assured it was no small compliment.

My sisters are studying the French language this winter, and I have taken several lessons but do not profess to be as proficient in that accomplishment. However by what I have learned lately with the little I knew before I am enabled to read French with a little satisfaction, and as my sisters have the advantage of a Teacher, I hope to profit by their knowledge when I go home.

I have spent a fortnight very pleasantly at Newburgh this fall, left all friends enjoying good health about ten days since. When I arrived at P.K. I had the pleasure of perusing a letter from you to your brother W and am happy to learn that you have once more found society that accords with your taste. Your brother Valentine sent cousin Ward a detail of cousin Lucretia's marriage, which took place on the eleventh of November [Lucretia Howard married Jabez Leadbetter]. You of course have heard the particulars from Maine. As for Mrs Leadbeter she has quite neglected me the past summer and I intend to pay her in her own wise.

Uncle Bailey's family are in good health. Cousin Benjamin is engaged in the study of Physic with Doct Wait of this place.

Cousin's Seth and Mary are very well. Little Laura walks and is a very interesting little girl.

I can think of nothing more to tell you that would be in the least entertaining.

With my best wishes for your health and happiness I am your affectionate cousin.

Pamela [Phillips]

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Peekskill
December 22
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Mr Rowland B Howard
Lexington
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