Pekskile Jan. 30 - 1821be sufficiently that the best of best you will get yo for out were I spen much to respect your grateful for my his desta But the tell draws you preme so encoured of the Brogen Cloud you not my dear cousen like to know what the can that you comobefue a had from in writing to me? Gorhers are about this winter? I have no mind to wait or is my dear some property over his sources for the life of his for an answer to my question, but feeling in a very communicative brother and lementing his own lovely settention in such a disposition shall proceed to tell you all the news and nonense that ever your said my merkene untinole, but he stand enters my head while I am writing had no come and were proposed that the contract of the proposed of the same of you no doubt have received my letter dated some time house lever the boy the the for and but prote mertioned in December long ago. John you have not unsweed it I cannot imagine. Sold State of the and I suppose some young lacties, more precise than your cousin Vamela would want a long long time before they would write a second, without an answer to the first however taking all things into consideration I shall now and ever write while I'm in the humous" on a far unestilled for your the so have good of hur sounds Wand Be Somund 25 The greatest piece of news and the prevailing topic in our town is the movinge of your brother bard to our friend Mile Lucie Johnston. It is wholly unnecepacy for me to enumerate her good qualities to one who knows and esteems how as highly as does my good cousin Kowland Sichapo you wish to know a little about the Midding and as I had the honow of standing bride maid I suppose I can give as just an account of the proceedings as you could wish - The marriage took place on their ony opening the twenty fifth of Inst in presence of the family of the Hon-Hobert Johnston and myself the only inviter quest both bide and groom looked extremely well but as my correspondent happens to be a gentleman I will not undertake to describe the drefees the spent the evening very pleasantly and the next day (El Howard Esq. and lady, No H Johnston En and myself had a very as the to account on - == the pleasant sleighvide but the weather was "Blefs my heart how cold" doe returned to Carmel and the day passed off in good style sow fit to addute on time to any wonques here Mrs Elletchell and I exerted ourselves to make all things lively Saturday morning Cousin Ward and Mr Tohnston came to It. To this and ficults of all sorts of which me dur called for entertainment at botters Hotel; sent for all the gen-Maximal adding of south of the follow and here and hand themen of the lower I believe; after having received the conquester lations of frience the gentlemen returned to Index Johnstons

to dinner, and sunday evening cousin about brought me home Ave have delightful sleighing and have had a long time; have seen but few Post- coaches this winter. From New York to Albany the sleighing to fine and the stages have no use for wheels - of party. this winter and propositions have been to Fishkill to deriver forty, to go to Somers town To the latter I have had an invitations but declined going - When the party went to Fish till I was absent Cousins. Mard, Lucia and myself were on a jaunt to Toughkup. sie New burgh, Rent and Barmel of That been here I should not have been invited I conclude, for with many of the conwas one of the company; the last wouved the Raymond was her beau on the occasion . . I have attended but one large party in this village this winter and that were at Dr Stranges on Christmas night batherine entertains her friends very much in the style of days that are past and has about such matters I will pap over the subject and write afford more frequently than any other in their place. The young laches enjoy good health and are us lively and engaging as ever This Emma is by some persons catter very pretty - The other girls are as handsome as any others in our town you Know - Besides the wedsting I have mentioned There is Mr George Selleck who has taken Mils Fanny Thorn to wife _ Then as several fuces of news I would? inform you that - Mrs Leth Mait Mrs Gelbert Mrs Wilheim Sowell, Mrs 9. Kaymond & & & hove each recently become mothers of fine sons and Mo Velson has another young daughter - Now you cannot say that I write no news when I have been so particular to relate all the births, mavinges I would think of & I hope you will

be sufficiently thankful, but I bey you will not go far out of your way to express your gratitude for my kindness. cans that you cannot spend a half hour in writing to me? or is my dear cousers browing over his sorrows for the lofe of his brother and lamenting his own lonely situation in such a case you may think my monsense untimely - but be a faired I respect your sorrows and would devert them if it were in my power however I have written this far and but puole mentioned your loss you might conclude that I had almost forgotten your afflictions but I can aprice you I often think of you and momender your sorrous must be doubly gonewous because you are so far ramoved from your friends - - A I have commit ted an error by willing this. I know your goodness will forgive least he will start for that city with the stage of with with the Stage . Soit with the Stage . I. Constant & I Shang with his cousin Caty them took trul at the Midow Hyatts in york town - This evening the gentlemen got k and Mount Pleasant unite to give a ball at Mr Lacocks you know where the tis better their Date - To to is going from our town I know noth - I have hed no investation and am very sure I want none -, elle Clay tells me ho has been solicited to join them but I conclude he will not attend - Cousin Lucie descried me to you her love to you and would send you a frice of cake if you were not so many fundred miles from us. Do you think you can find time to write me a letter. Do you think you Iwill steal time to roud it of it is this you would be glad to hear something mecepaning. In such a case of much sufer you about the Politics of our country. In such a case of how are several to some of the gentlemen this much I know there are several to some of the gentlemen this country I will try to tell you condidates for herriff, spice in this country I will try to tell you featherly till the Contest is over and this I will try to tell you hattenly till the Contest is over and this I will try to tell you hat show the other way offertonates all shows the other way offertonates and showed the source of the stand the same of the source of the same of 45 1/30/1821 *From:* Pamel

From: Pamela [Phillips]

Peekskill

To: Mr Rowland B Howard

Lexington

RBH-0e27

Source: Bowdoin

Virginia

Peekskill Jan 30 1821

Would you not my dear cousin like to know what the Yorkers are about this winter? I have no mind to wait for an answer to my question, but feeling in a very communicative disposition shall proceed to tell you all the news and nonsense that enters my head while I am writing.

You no doubt have received my letter dated some time in December, long ago. Why you have not answered it I cannot imagine, and I suppose some young ladies, more precise than your cousin Pamela would wait a long, long time before they would write a second letter without an answer to the first. However taking all things into consideration I shall now, and ever, write "while I'm in the humour".

The greatest piece of news and the prevailing topic in our town is the marriage of your brother Ward to our friend Miss Lucia Johnston. It is wholly unnecessary for me to enumerate her good qualities to one who knows and esteems her as highly as does my good cousin Rowland. Perhaps you wish to know a little about the Wedding and as I had the honour of standing bride-maid, I suppose I can give as just an account of the proceedings as you could wish. The marriage took place on Thursday evening the twenty-fifth Inst in presence of the family of the Hon. Robert Johnston, and myself the only invited guest - both bride and groom looked extremely well, but as my correspondent happens to be a gentleman I will not undertake to describe the dresses. We spent the evening very pleasantly and the next day W B Howard Esq and lady, R. H Johnston Esq. and myself had a very pleasant sleighride, but the weather was "Bless my heart how cold". We returned to Carmel and the day passed off in good style.

Mrs Mitchell and I exerted ourselves to make all things lively. Saturday morning Cousin Ward and Mr Johnston came to P.K. called for entertainment at Cotters Hotel, sent for all the gentlemen of the town I believe, after having received the congratulations of friends the gentlemen returned to Judge Johnstons to dinner and Sunday evening cousin Ward brought me home.

We have delightful sleighing and have had for a long time; I have seen but few Post-coaches this winter. From New York to Albany the sleighing is fine and the stages have no use for wheels. A party of ladies and gentlemen from P.K. have been to Fish Kill to dinner this winter and propositions have been made for another party to go to Somerstown. To the latter I have had an invitation but declined going. When the party went to Fish Kill I was absent. Cousins Ward, Lucia and myself were on a jaunt to Poughkeepsie, Newburgh, Kent and Carmel. If I had been here I should not have been invited I conclude, for with many of the "concern" I am unacquainted. The beautiful Miss Mary Brown was one of the company, the last arrived Mr Raymond was her beau on the occasion. I have attended but one large party in the village this winter and that was at Dr Strangs on Christmas night. Catherine entertains her friends very much in the style of days that are past and has about as many admirers. As you know quite as much as I do of such matters I will pass over the subject and write about some other good friends. I visit Judge Constants family more frequently than any other in this place. The young ladies enjoy good health, and are as lively and engaging as ever. Miss Emma is by some persons called very pretty. The other girls are as handsome as any others in our town you know.

Besides the wedding I have mentioned, there is Mr George Sellack, who has taken Miss Fanny Thorn to wife. Then as several pieces of news, I would inform you that Mrs Seth Wait, Mrs Gilbert, Mrs William Lowell, Mrs P. Raymond & & have each recently become mothers of fine sons and Mrs Nelson has another young daughter. Now you cannot say that I write no news, when I have been so particular to relate all the births & marriages I could think of & I hope you will be sufficiently thankful, but I beg you will not go far out of your way to express your gratitude for my kindness.

But do tell have you become so enamoured of the Virginians that you cannot spend a half hour in writing to me? or is my dear cousin brooding over his sorrows for the loss of his brother and lamenting his own lonely situation - in such a case you may think my nonsense untimely - but be assured I respect your sorrows and would divert them if it were in my power, however as I have written thus far and but mentioned your loss you might conclude that I had almost forgotten your affliction but I can assure you I often think of you and consider your sorrows must be doubly grievous because you are so far removed from your friends. If I have committed

an error by writing this, I know your goodness will forgive it.

Wednesday Jan 31.

Cousin Ward goes to Albany today - at least, he will start for that city with the stage.

Last evening J.H. Strang with Miss C. Hyatt Dr Hoit with Miss L. Constant & J Strang with his cousin Caty Ann took tea at the widow Hyatts in Yorktown. This evening the gentlemen of P.K. and Mount Pleasant unite to give a ball at Mr Lacocks, you know where that is better than I do. Who is going from our town I know not. I have had no invitation and I am very sure I want none. Mr Pray tells me he has been solicited to join them, but I conclude he will not attend. Cousin Lucia desired me to give her love to you and I would send you a piece of cake if you were not so many hundred miles from us.

Do you think you can find time to write me a letter this year. I promise you I will steal time to read it if it is necessary. Possibly you would be glad to hear something about the Politics of our country. In such a case I must refer you to some of the gentlemen. This much I know there are several candidates for Sherriffs office in this country. You must wait patiently till the Contest is over and then I will try to tell you all I know.

Adieu dear cousin. Believe me very affectionately and sincerely your friend. Pamela [Phillips]

Wednesday afternoon. Would you not like to be in our <midst> cousin R. This morning arrived your father and now all are engaged talking about Leeds, Boston, Newburg, Kent, Peekskill and friends of all sorts and sizes. Our friends in Maine are in good health, but no one saw fit to address one line to any connexions here. Oh what yankees they are.

[Envelope]
Peekskill
January 31
[Paid] 25
Mr Rowland B Howard
Lexington
Virginia

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Then I come to Lexington I was platters time we have mouls that onewer & defronts from this place our on tune way day Mine by the people that I should get afrage Boukus hors one of the storge routs on the uniter States Line & on other on the Western Line ofle is smilto keep one of the best public If I would went I had then an affection houses in Virginion Ale has a good De al de linging ty affen of 400 Dale, for year in Pende about know but I should hower to go to Carolin ton but alw not except thinking to do mext week to attend to or Lowerest alepending as well on better in L'enstyton There he has a Son that asset here in But there was a young gentleman the Office when I own aligent, I hope you subose Parents resident in Sour wine hing will not be uneasy about me as it is my olitermination to the faithfulfin rubor teven I went where though norther from buisness Tumbertate Penhaps you mon the that of Buble House is not bulatele of worse the people in town mushed to ale for the young they couled alepen It I neven shall forget the for Therefore I did not sweet after wanting South better pleased with the three monts, There was a gentleman Society here thou in Lexington the People in this place who was in great wantim author showed & familian This Journ is of a young mon & I being recharmented to a about the same sine of Lexington but the by a Gentleman in I ex myton he sent buiness done here for exceeds especially for me I come on immidentally in the in the spring Lorsons being setuated neve the sweet, hot warm, white sulphere, Storge (it being 40 miles) & engaged with hear sulphen & soit Sulphen Springs, all him for one yearn My business is mostly of which out resonted to by great numbers of the People Athat attend the springs for their writing & riding The mouro whom I live until is George Boukers formely from Connette health but menely for any dunt Defit which briesness takes the most of my They charme come our of or your gentleman in

46 1/5/1822 **From:** VR Howard

To: Capt Seth Howard

RBH-0e28

Fincastle Bottetourt Co Va

Source: Bowdoin

Wayne Kennebec Co Maine

Fincastle Bottetourt Co Va

Dear Parents

I received Brother Rowlands letter the 15 of Octtober with no little satisfaction but haveing just directed a number of letters to the neibourhood of home, I did not answer it. I thought I directed my letters to Friends. But alass I have been wonderfully disapointed six monts since I left Leeds & not but one letter have I received from <Nurseryland>. There is Jason has he forgoten me? who would have thought it, Jeremiah Lothrop & others whom I have written to, but so it is. I will wait no longer for their answers, for I know my Parents are anxious to hear from their unworthy Son. I have been in perfect health ever since I left home. I have to inform you that I was some what unfortuneate in geting in to buisness in Lexington & also was disapointed at other places. But now thank heaven! I am in business which is more agreeable, instructive, & <Popelar> although my salary is not very grate yet It is preparing me for active business.

When I came to Lexington I was flattered by the people that I should get a profitable school there in the fall & if I would wait I had then an offer of 400 Doll per year in Pendleton but did not except thinking to do as well or better in Lexington. But there was a young gentleman whose Parents resided in Town, were People of a good deal of influence being very respectable though rather poor. Of course the people in town wished to do all for the young man they could. Therefore I did not succeed after waiting three monts.

There was a Gentleman in this place who was in great want of a young man & I being recommented to him by a Gentleman in Lexington he sent for me. I came on immediately in the stage (it being 40 miles) & engaged with him for one year. My buisness is mostly writing and riding. The man whom I live with is George Backus formely from Connecticut. He being Post Master has made me <his> Dept which buisness takes the most of my time. We have mails that arives & departs from this place once or twice every day. Mr Backus has one of the stage routs on the United States Line & an other on the Western Line. He is said to keep one of the best public houses in Virginia. He gas a good deal of buisness in the country which I have to attend to. I don't know but I shall have to go to Carolina next week to attend to a Law suit <depending> there. He has a Son that assists him in the office when I am absent. I hope you will not be uneasy about me as it is my determination to be faithful in whatever buisness I undertake. Perhaps you that a Public House is not suitable for <a young> man like me. But you <> I never shall forget the counsel of my Parents.

I am much better pleased with the society here than in Lexington. The People are very friendly & familiar. This Town is about the same size of Lexington but the buisness done here far exceeds especially in the spring seasons being situated nere the sweet, hot, warm, white sulpher, read sulpher, & salt sulpher Springs, all of which are resorted to by great numbers in the sumer seasons. There is not one quantum of the People that attend the Springs for their health, but merely for amusement. I by chance came accrost a young Gentleman in Lexington from Georgia. He informed me that he rode in the Carriage with Everet about one hundred miles & previous to that he went on to Alabama & hapened to fall into Colyers company & traveled with him some distance & in the time he left <Pioniso> with the <same> man that Colyer states he did for Everet which proves that Colyer told the truth.

Tel Rowland to write me when he receives this all the news. I know not whether there is a Post Office in Leeds yet. I shall there fore direct my letter to Wayne. Please give my love to Rowland Franklin & my Dear sisters with with their husbands & Stillman & wife Uncle Barney family & all all, all. Rest ashured that my love for Parents has incressed rather than abaited so farewell for the present.

VR Howard [Valentine Rathburn Howard]

Dep PM has not the liberty to Frank letters. Therefore I shall mail this. Yours &c

[Envelope] Fincastle, Va 5 Jan 1822

Paid 25 Capt Seth Howard Wayne Kennebec Co Maine

Tolland January of 10122 It is my pleasure to inform you of the proces mys of the Legislature thus far, in order to which I enclose you the lingues in which is contained the Governor's message and and the principle Cusiness which has occurred in be expected that much business canditransaite within this period; but laving got or ganize and the joint and Standing Committee chosen, the probibility is, that the Session will be brought to a speedy and hapy termination. As it respects myself I enjoy my health remarkably, well and shand feel to Enjoy myself very well if I could know my little Family and friends at Some were in health. This is, realy a Theatre, whire ex hibits to the mind, a great source of informa tion; not only in the viene of Politics, but in the various phenomines of humannature. Ofing in the room where there is a number waterding whom various tofices I have not an opportunity to day much, but will observe to you that I together, with a gre at number of the other Representatives have a biller from the Governor to addemble to his house to morrow Evening to take tea xu. You will also observe whon viewing the stonding Committee, that I am on the Committe of fells

of the thin reading. Oleans to address this to Puerelia Pa Hillman and to whom so ever of our other what you think proper and I must implone your him protectio of my lille Lamily during my absen from yours affectionately, To Rawles B. Howard Thomas M. Bridghan N. 03. Please to write to me the first off. - Aunity ving antions to hear

47 1/8/1822

From: Thomas W. Bridgham

Portland

To: Rowland B. Howard

RBH-0e29a

Source: Bowdoin

Portland January 8th 1822

Sir,

It is my pleasure to inform you of the proceedings of the Legislature, thus far, in order to which I enclose you the Argus, in which is contained the Governor's message and the principle business which has occurred in both branches of the Legislature. It cannot be expected that much business could be transacted within this period; but having got organized and the Joint and Standing Committees chosen, the probibility is, that the session will be brought to a speedy and hapy termination.

As it respects myself I enjoy my health remarkably well and should feel to enjoy myself very well if I could know my little Family and friends at home were in health. This is, realy a Theatre which exhibits, to the mind, a great source of information; not only in the science of Politics, but in the various <Takeromines> of human nature. Being in the room where there is a number <wabersing> upon various topics. I have not an opportunity to say much, but will observe to you that I together, with a great number of the other Representatives have a billet from the Governor to assemble to his house to-morrow evening to take tea &c. you will also observe upon viewing the standing Committes, that I am on the Committe of bills of the third reading.

Please to address this to Aurelia, Pa, Stillman and to whom so ever of our other friends that you think proper, and I must implore your kind protection of my little Family during my absence.

From yours affectionately, Thomas W. Bridgham

To Rowland B. Howard

N.B. Please to write to me the first oportunity, being anxious to hear what news from home.

Jopsham hely 11. 1822. Dear Friend, According to my ingagment s called and enquired concerning the shoot as soon as I avoiced in town, but the agent had not returned from Tootland and the district Puvington, who arrived here Saturday, he basis he wishes for you to heep the shoot, and will give seventien dollans for mouth, for six months, he thinks. But while ext Portland he talked with a Mr Griffin, and glive him some encouragnest before he heard you wished to hip it, and bays he wist hear from him before he com que you en certain answer. The probability however, is you will have the rehad as I find a number very earnist for it. If you receive no word to the contrary they wish you to begin in two wee to spin to clay at which time I shall expect to see you -My sister writes me very melour chally news and I am now quite said in heart word dejuted in spirits. The loft of our friend, Me howe, will be severly feet by his rela.

to my Provide mother is probably no more I however have been for the most pout charge e since I arrived. I reollect with pleasure our fine stay willes, and think the cen le monoterny of study. Brobinson fre. quently talks about this tain, and the delightful acquaintences he former, and none hear him but wish they have had the good for tune to visit Ledy. The tee has begun under ferror while empires strictents have mothy returned and began Their studies with vigour- I am now witing at Maine Turkersteinen und it is no elan to I can handly see what letters I make and see no prospect of getting more light, so you must excuse one beeating off aboutty, Your Lines friend, If you see Centice remember me to her, and tell her I have not got a show get, but hope to soon - Tive my respects to Ann to the Dr. on Mrs. Budghan - tell the Du. I should be happy to receive a line from him

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48 2/11/1822 From: [Ensign] Otis To: Rowland B. Howard

RBH-0e29b Topsham

Source: Bowdoin

Topsham Feby 11 1822

Dear Friend.

According to my engagement I called and enquired concerning the school as soon as I arrived in town, but the agent had not returned from Portland and the district had done nothing. I have just waited on Esq Buvington, who arrived here Saturday. He says he wishes you to keep the shool, and will give seventeen dollars per month, for six months, he thinks. But while at Portland he talked with a Mr Griffin, and give him some encouragement before he heard you wished to keep it, and says he must hear from him before he can give you a certain answer. The probability, however, is you will have the school as I find a number very earnest for it. If you receive no word to the contrary they wish you ot begin in two weeks from to-day at which time I shall expect to see you.

My sister write me very melancholly news and I am now quite sad in heart and dejected in spirits. The loss of our friend, Mr Lane, will be severly felt by his relatives and acquaintances. By what I hear to, my Grandmother is probably no more. I however have been for the most part cheerful since I arrived. I recollect with pleasure our fine slay-rides, and think our variety of amusements peferable to the dull monotony of study. Robinson frequently talks about his tour, and the delightful acquaintances he formed, and none hear him but wish they had had the good fortunes to visit Leeds. The term has begun under favorable auspices, students have mostly returned and began their studies with vigour. I am now writing at Mame Tucker's tavern and it is so dark I can hardly see what letters I make and see no prospect of getting more light, so you must excuse my breaking off abrutly,

Your Sincere friend, Otis

P.S. If you see Cinthia remember me to her, and tell her I have not gone eastward yet, but hope to soon. Give my respects to Ann to the Dr & Mrs Bridgham. Tell the Dr I should be hapy to receive a line from him.

moreover that I am resolved not to intrace on her climastic and their to Sott and Bartinson on Long Stain rown affairs so long as she cannot share a few moments to wind applicate to receive or langed from her juice but write to me chay every blefing attend her and every fewent wish of your since friend with wing myself in) is the fewent wish of your since friend with wing Pamele Sew burgh July 141822 I think I should have fell must with then I do not Cly Bear Cousin Son Son in his has the I be monday and there is to be a year part from the On my return from the City, where The state of the s I have spent these or four weeks this summer. I was Siven July 29 yourshill Miller greated with a tetter from you which circumstance was so very unespected that I could havely realize it , a thought occurred that it might be one of ancust date that had straiged from my cabinet but an closer inspection of found that you had once more found a pen und a disposition for addressing me - Conough vais on that subject. I have so much to tell you, and have forgetten so much that I would be glad to tell you that you must not be surprised to find this scrawl abnost incomprehensible to feekokill was the Heater where we have player our parts so often I will en deavour to give you a little insight to their scenes -And as your brothers dwelling stands nearly at the head of the town I will first tell you of his family Undoubtedly you have heard of Lucia's estience ellings a select and the second of the state of yet in the thick the haplan in a more of the differ that he had along the said and lop of her son in Feb. last but as you are all so very backward in writing I conclude you do not know that she is now in very it health - While I was in town the and cousin Mound came down and I accom-The first the fi

-paried them to Bath and Rockaway on Long Island .. cousin Lucia appeared to acceive no benefit from her jaint, but if I had continued bathing in the alleuntie a few weeks I think I should have felt much better than I do now not that sick in the least- but I am afflicted with most dreadfiel fits of lavines - you would be astonished to see the attention in your cousin Jam and you will hardly credit what I am about to tell you but it is a fact" notwethstanding Lucia has been ill so much and is now so weak that she cannot walk three lines the length of the house without quat exertions, she is much larger every way and more flesh whom her than ever I had and vice versa" with me I am just about nothing am so very thin something like a shace of the consis you once knew - - Doct Block and Insan Enstant have been married about two months and it is aparted that Sames Welson and Cammille Hyatt think of matumony. Late And I hope you feel no jealous symptowns ousing from the last mentioned circumstance if you do I beg of you to pacify yourself as soon as hopsible for it would be a sail thing for you to visit toboken with the gentleman when you are on the way south Mais entre nous, I do not think thate will be madice very her many a year so I think her union with him is

Mr James Juven died while I was in New York, his ramain were carried to 9. 18 to be intend, It is said that he left property to the amount of thirty Thousand dollars which is a nice little sum if rightly manager. His sons are much the same as when you know them __ On monday nest there is to be a great parade at Goshen The bones of heros who were slaw at the battle of ellinisink and which have lain bleaching on the field forty three years, have lately been collected and are to he buried on that day- Every body is going to withefo the ceremony, all societies, civil and mulitary are is going its and but I count till your one hundred to part of the negulations and orders on the Cousin Patie her been with us nearly two months She was quite out of health when she came nor is she now perfectly well - bur family remains in health as it always did - I sometimes think Paper is better and then again it seems almost impossible for him to exist many hours. Thus are we driven about with hope and Jehr - Cousin Benjamin Gractises with Doct Gidney and boards with us I think the bids fair to make a very useful member of society - couple is got in Red Hack The bar has so many attractions that he had when I last enter elle Melson's Olice this fall all friends - Be kind knowyld to tell Lucution that my meany is lovery good and she is in lebt to me for two or three letters

49 7/19/1822 *From:* Pamela [Phillips]

Newburgh Leeds Maine

To: Mr Rowland B Howard

Source: Bowdoin

RBH-0e30

Newburgh July 19th 1822

My Dear Cousin

On my return from the City where I have spent three or four weeks this summer, I was greeted with a letter from you, which circumstance was so very unexpected that I could hardly realize it. A thought occurred that it might be one of ancient date that had strayed from my cabinet, but on closer inspection I found that you had once more found a pen and a disposition for addressing me. Enough said on that subject.

I have so much to tell you, and have forgotten so much that I would be glad to tell you that you must not be surprised to find this scrawl almost incomprehensible. As Peekskill was the theatre where we have played our parts so often I will endeavour to give you a little insight to their scenes. And as your brother's dwelling stands nearly at the head of the town I will first tell you of his family. Undoubtedly you have heard of Lucia's extreme illness and loss of her son in Feb last but as you are all so very backward in writing I conclude you do not know that she is now in very ill health. While I was in town she and cousin Ward came down, and I accompanied them to Bath and Rockaway on Long Island. Cousin Lucia appeared to receive no benefit from her jaunt, but if I had continued bathing in the Atlantic a few weeks I think I should have felt much better than I do now, not that I am sick in the least, but I am afflicted with most dreadful fits of laziness. You would be astonished to see the alteration in your cousin Pam, and you will hardly credit what I am about to tell you, but "it is a fact", notwithstanding Lucia has been ill so much and is now so weak that she cannot walk three times the length of the house without great exertion. She is much larger every way and has more flesh upon her than ever I had, and "vice versa" with me. I am just about nothing. I am so very thin - something like a shadow of the cousin you once knew.

Doct Hoyt and Susan Constant have been married about two months and it is asserted that James Nelson and Cammilla Hyatt, think of matrimony, as does also Mr Van de Water, a book binder, with Miss Kate Ann. I hope you feel no jealous symptoms arising from the last mentioned circumstance. If you do I beg of you to pacify yourself as soon as possible for it would be a sad thing for you to visit Hoboken with the gentleman when you are on the way south. Mais entre nous, I do not think Kate will be married very soon, and this Mr Van, has been acquainted with her nearly a year so I think her union with him is very doubtful.

Mr James < Driven > died while I was in New York, His remains were carried to P.K. to be interred. It is said that he left property to the amount of thirty thousand dollars which is a nice little sum if rightly managed. His sons are much the same as when you knew them.

On Monday next there is to be a great parade at Goshen. The bones of heros who were slain at the battle of Minisink and which have lain bleaching on the field forty three years, have lately been collected and are to be buried on that day. Every body is going to witness the ceremony, all societies, civil and military are invited to assist on the occasion. A battalion of Cadets is going up and - but I cannot tell you one hundredth part of the regulations and orders on this sheet of paper.

Cousin Patia has been with us nearly two months. She was quite out of health when she came, nor is she now perfectly well. Our family remains in such health as it always did. I sometimes think Papa is better and then again it seems almost impossible for him to exist many hours. Thus are we driven about with hopes and fears. Cousin Benjamin practises with Doct Gidney and boards with us. I think he bids fair to make a very useful member of society. Joseph is yet in Red Hook. The bar has so many attractions that he had when I last saw him determined to be a lawyer. He is preparing to enter Mr Nelson's office this fall.

The family including cousins join me in love to you and all friends. Be kind enough to tell Lucretia that my memory is very good and she is in debt to me for two or three letters. Moreover that I am resolved not to intrude on her domestic affairs so long as she cannot spare a few moments to write to me. May every blessing attend her and every one connected with her (you see I bring myself in) is the fervent wish of your sincere friend and very

affectionate cousin Pamela

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