

Peekskill Jan. 30 - 1821

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Catskill
January 31

Mr Howard No. 2 Howard

Livingston
Virginia

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Next day returned to P.H. - I could not get out like to be in our my
even to this morning either your father and now all
are engaged talking about debt, Boston, New York, and
P.H. and friends of all sorts and sorts of but
found no chance and in good health - but we are
and fit to address you line to any connection here
of what you know they are

to dinner, and Sunday evening cousin Ward brought me home
We have delightful sleighing and have had 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 Fishkill to dinner
this winter and propositions have been made for another party
to go to Somers-town. To the latter I have had an invitation but
declined going - When the party went to Fishkill I was absent -
Cousins Ward, Lucia and myself were on a jaunt to Poughkeeps-
ie. Newburgh, Kent, and Carmel - If I had been here I should
not have been invited I conclude, for with many of the con-
cerns I am unacquainted. The beautiful Miss Mary Brooks
was one of the company; the last evening Mr Raymond was her
beau on the occasion - I have attended but one large party
in this 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 Constant's 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 Sellick, who has taken Miss Fanny Thors
to wife - Then as several pieces of news I would
inform you that Mrs Seth Wait, Mrs Gilbert, Mrs William
Powell, 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 Virgin-
ians 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 I have written thus far and but quite mentioned
your loss you might conclude that I had almost forgotten
your afflictions, but I can assure you I often think of you and
wonder your sorrows must be doubly grievous because you
are so far removed from your friends. - - - If I have commit-
ted an error by writing this, I know your goodness will forgive
it. - - - Wednesday Jan 21. Cousin Ward goes to Albany to day, at
least he will start for that city with the stage -
Last evening Mr Strang with Miss Hyatt Dr Pitt with Miss
S. Constant & J. Strang with his cousin Cately Ann took tea at
the Widow Hyatts in York town - - - This evening the gentlemen
of P.K. and Mount Pleasant unite to give a ball at Mr Lacoeks
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 Ray tells me he
has been solicited to join them, but I conclude he will
not attend - Cousin Lucia desires 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 would refer you
to some of the gentlemen - - - This month I know there are several
candidates for Sheriff's office in this county - 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 anxiously your friend - Carmel

45 1/30/1821 *From:* Pamela [Phillips]

To: Mr Rowland B Howard

RBH-0e27

Peekskill

Lexington
Virginia

Source: Bowdoin

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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

rode in the carriage with Everett about one hundred miles & previous to that he went on to Alabama & happened to fall into Calyer's company & traveled with him some distance & in the time he left Pennic with the same man that Calyer states he did ^{from Everett} which proves that ~~Calyer~~ ^{Calyer} told the truth

50 of 100, 1823 Paid
Capt. Seth Curran
Wayne,
Pensacola, Fla.

90 P M has not the liberty
to send in letters therefore
I shall not this month

Tell 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 Pleas give my love to Rowland Franklin & my dear sisters with their husbands Pittman & wife Uncle Barney family & all all all. Best wishes that my love for Parents has increased rather than abated so farewell for the present W. Rowland

Yipowatta Posttown Co Va

Dear Parents I received Brother Rowland's letter the 14 of October with no little satisfaction but having just directed a number of letters to the neighbourhood of home I did not answer it I thought I directed my letters to Friends, But alas I have been wonderfully disapointed six months since I left Leeds & not but one letter have I received from Newryland, There is Jason has he forgotten me? who would have thought it, Jeremiah Solthrop & 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 ~~to~~ unfortunate in getting in to buisness in Lexington & also was disapointed at other places, But now thank heaven! I am in buisness which is more agreeable, instructive, & profitable although my salary is not very great yet it is profra-very we fore active buisness -

When I came to Lexington I was flattered
by the people that I should get a prof-
fessional school there in the fall
if I would wait I had them an offer
offer of 400 Dollars per year in Pendle-
ton but did not expect 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 months, There was a gentleman
in this place who was in great want
of a young man & I being recommended ^{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 business is mostly
writing & riding The man whom I live
with is George Barkus formerly from Conn-
ecticut He being Post Master has made me his
Deputy which business takes the most of my

time we have mail that arrives & departs
from this place once or twice every day Mr
Barkus has one of the stage routes on the
United States Line & on other on the Western
Line He is said to keep one of the best public
houses in Virginia He has a good deal of business
in the country which I have to attend to I
don't know but I shall have to go to Caroline
next week to attend to a lawsuit 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
business I undertake Perhaps you may
think that a Public House is not suitable
for a young man like me But you are
deceived It I never shall forget the
counsel of my Parents.

I am much better pleased with the
society here than in Lexington the people
are more friendly & familiar This Town is
about the same size of Lexington but the
business done here far exceeds especially
in the spring seasons being situated near
the sweet, hot, warm, white sulphur,
red sulphur, & salt sulphur Springs, all
of which are resorted to by great numbers
in the summer seasons there is not one quarter
of the people that attend the springs for their
health but merely for amusement
I by chance came across a young gentleman in
Lexington from Georgia he informed me that he

46 1/5/1822

From: VR Howard

To: Capt Seth Howard

RBH-0e28

Fincastle Bottetourt Co
Va

Wayne
Kennebec Co Maine

Source: Bowdoin

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Dear Parents

I received Brother Rowlands letter the 15 of October with no little satisfaction but having just directed a number of letters to the neighbourhood of home, I did not answer it. I thought I directed my letters to Friends, But alas 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 forgotten 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 unfortunate 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.

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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 thot that a Public House is not suitable for <a young> man like me. But you <> I never shall forget the counsel of my Parents.

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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

Sir,

Portland January 5th 1822

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 principal 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 probability is, that the session will be brought to a speedy and happy 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, really a Theatre, which exhibits to the mind, a great source of information; not only in the science of Politics, but in the various phenomena of human Nature. Being in the room where there is a number conversing 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 Committees, that I am on the Committee of Bills

of the third reading. Please to address this
to Cecilia P. Stillman and to respond
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.

To Rowland B. Howard Thomas W. Bridgman

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

47 1/8/1822

From: Thomas W.
Bridgham
Portland

To: Rowland B. Howard

RBH-0e29a

Source: Bowdoin

Portland January 8th 1822

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Thomas W. Bridgham

To Rowland B. Howard

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Topsam Feb 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. Purington, who arrived here Saturday. he says he wishes for you to keep the school, 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 to begin in two weeks from to-day, at which time I shall expect to see you—

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lightful acquaintances he formed, and
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has become under favorable auspices,
students have mostly returned and begun
their studies with vigour - I am now
writing at home the best I can 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 abruptly,

Your sincere friend,
O. S.

P. S.

If you see Quince remember me
to her, and tell her I have not got a show
yet, but hope to soon - Give my respects
to Ann to the Dr. & Mrs. Bridgman - tell the
Dr. I should be happy to receive a line
from him - V. S.

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*Mr. Sturton of St. Mair's
Edinburgh*

48 2/11/1822 *From:* [Ensign] Otis

To: Rowland B. Howard

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Topsham

Source: Bowdoin

Topsham Feby 11 1822

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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 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
sincere wish of your sincere friend and very
affectionate cousin
Pamela.

DS

Wm T Dwyer
July 18

Mrs Rowland B. Howard

Leeds

Given July 29th forwarded M.M.

Newburgh July 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. No Park Hill was the theatre
when we have played our parts so often. I will en-
deavour 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 accom-

panied 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 larynx - You would be astonished
to see the attraction in your cousin Sam. 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 exertions, 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 Crisstant have
been married about two months, and it is reported that
James Nelson and Camilla 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. Miss
entire 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 Given died while I was in New York, his remains
were carried to P. R. 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 heroes 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.

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

To: Mr Rowland B Howard

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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.

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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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