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**54** 1/9/1825

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From: V.R. Howard

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Kent N.Y.

Leeds State of Maine

To: Mr Rowland B Howard

Source: Bowdoin

Kent N.Y. Jan 9th 1825

Dear Brother

I left Castleton at the close of the Lectures, called at Newburg where I spent a few days at our good Uncle's in the Society of some of the finest cousins in the World. I then went to the City where I remained a few days with Ward & sister Lucia whose health is very bad. I then came to this place where I have been two weeks. I have taken a Diploma from this State for Practicing Physic & Surgery after a very strict examination by the Censors, but thank fortune I have enough to answer every question. I received a letter from Seth not long since. He invited me to come to Purlington Mississippi where Mr Pray now resides, who is getting rich fast. I expect however to go into Partnership with Benj Bailey in the City of New York till Spring, who is doing a good business there. I think then I shall go to Purlington unless I can do better in the City.

I am very sorry that I could not visit our dear Parents when I left Castleton but my circumstances would not permit of my spending more money that was absolutely necessary. Therefore I was obliged to deny myself the happiness. I have used every exertion in my power to procure a profession which I am in hopes will afford me a living. But this country is overflowing with professional characters & unless I do business in the Cities I shall abandon the idea of settling in this country. I have talked some of settling at Put Court House but I fear I could not do business for some time there therefore I have relinquished the ideas as it is necessary for me to do enough at the Start to pay my way. I shall go in a few days to Newburg, from there to the City.

There could nothing have afforded more pleasure than to have seen my dear friends in Maine before I settled but I am in hopes if I am fortunate to be able to see them once more. Tell my dear mother to rest easy about me for I am determined to pursue a steady course of life & if any thing ensures me success it must be that.

Uncle Bailey & his family are all in tolerable good health. Joseph returned with me from Castleton & with me <took> examination & received a Diploma. He will remain at present with his father. He wishes me to remember his love to you &c. Uncle Phillips is doing tolerable good business at Newburg but his health is very bad. Uncle wishes to be remembered to our dear mother & father &c. All send love to Lucretia & all the family.

Write me at the City soon. I am yours affectionately V.R. Howard

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Kent N.Y. Jan 10, 1825 [Postage] 25 Mr Rowland B Howard Leeds State of Maine

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**56** 4/11/1826 *From:* S. Howard

Pearlington Mississippi State

Source: Bowdoin

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Leeds County of Kennebeck St Maine

To: Seth Howard Esq.

Pearlington Mississippi State April 11th 1826

**Dear Parents** 

Being so much engaged in business I have delayd writing for some time. I did flatter myself with the hope that I should receive letters from some of the family when Mr Pray returnd but I was disapointed. I continue to enjoy good health, with the exception of one very serious misfortune. I have nearly lost my eye sight. I can immagin no other cause but from casting of brass.

I had made every arrangement and was determined on visiting you this Summer, but I regret to say that it will be impossible. I have erected a Steam Sawmill in this place, which is now in opperation and unless I can get some one to supertend it, which is entirely out of the question in this Country I cannot come but I have made up my mind positively to come in one year from this if I have to shut it up.

If my sight continues to get worse as fast as it has for the last two months I shall very soon be obliged to give up business. Even now I cant keep my own accounts nor read a word. My words that I write I am obliged to have read to me to know what I have written. It is a most unfortunate thing to me as it has deprived me of all kind of enjoyment. If I had have had any idea of such a thing when I sold out the Foundary I should have given up business then, but as it is I must make the best of it. I have been advised by every body that knows me to do this and sometimes I agree with them & think it best for me with a constitution brocken down and impaired as mine is to do no more, and then again I know I should be unhappy, but let things go as they will.

I do not live for myself. If I can educate my daughter, as she deserves to be, it is all I want to do with life. So far as money can effect this there is nothing to fear, but this is not all. I would prefer to have her under my own eye. I had a letter from her a few days ago. She would have come down this last winter had not the small Pox been very bad in New Orleans. When I come to the North I shall certainly bring her with me.

Unless you was to see it you have no idea of the immense Labour, anxiety, and trouble of mind, that it requires to manage the concearns of a large Steam Mill. The proffits are very great or I should never undertaken it. I have forty men imployd altogether in the swamp and about the Mill. She cutts to average six thousand feet of cypres Lumber per day which is all ordered before hand at \$35 pr thousand board measure so that she <executes> work dayly to the amount rising of \$200, but then there is a great many other parts of the story. In the first place the works cost a great deal of money and now and then a piece of machinery breaks that costs me from one to five hundred dollars to repair. Notwithstanding from any reasonable calculation she must with my management clear eight thousand dollars a year. But I don't mean to be troubled with her longer than I can help. I would sell her tomorrow together with all the land and property I have attached to it.

Sometimes I fear that you will blame me for not coming to see you this summer, but really if you knew the singular train of circumstances that has taken place you would not blame me. Mr Pray and family are well. Give my Love to all. I am your affectionate son.

## S. Howard

[Envelope]
[From] Pearlington
18th Apr, 26
[Postage]25
[To] Seth Howard Esq
Leeds
County of Kennebeck
St Maine

I know not with what terms to address you! how convertion and hundred are all our immaginary pleasures I have long articletated an unseer to some of my letters and long expect ed to have such news from you as evauld induce me into by to crafe the accum that divide us and class my Elesa a ring arms I have afood a kind of surprise hat Loig ofter day week after evert & month often month untill it is too late to you to garged and no news of you has arrived to that will be that per your lesson that in your ansever (which if not writte this must be my last) you will excuse your self for this neglect and write me what of and long to that you are evell and happy as you can be while to be him that loves your I should have writer loveently had to Convinced that I evill not recen unanswer her time you de gergin in Detatus which has been my intention a and not receiving any dutters at all from you has can to give whe the Idea of going this fall and to try once in hem from your I named to you that I had some duties discharge to my parents that called me home I move see the comfutably and pleasantly situated and named they and my little brothe Beny - Franklin Constitute our whole family and to tell the health I am sometimes looksome , a leching a awake my moint is often muticipating the pleasure Amight enging in the society of my Den feel but next I look at the immence distance as a mountain at whose securit may never arrive were you here perhaps we might be happy and had a fortunate waygo but bevelve day to my fathers house Could I be sure of such a one again I would soon be with you but to go to sen is dismal except to see Elira; do write me something of everything of all your affairs and whather you still remembe me what I can do to live with you or you with me I still have a Galitying

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**58** 6/1/1827 *From:* R.B.H. *To:* My Dear Eliza [Otis]

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Source: Bowdoin

[1827? - written in pencil. Assume July 1 1827]

My Dear E

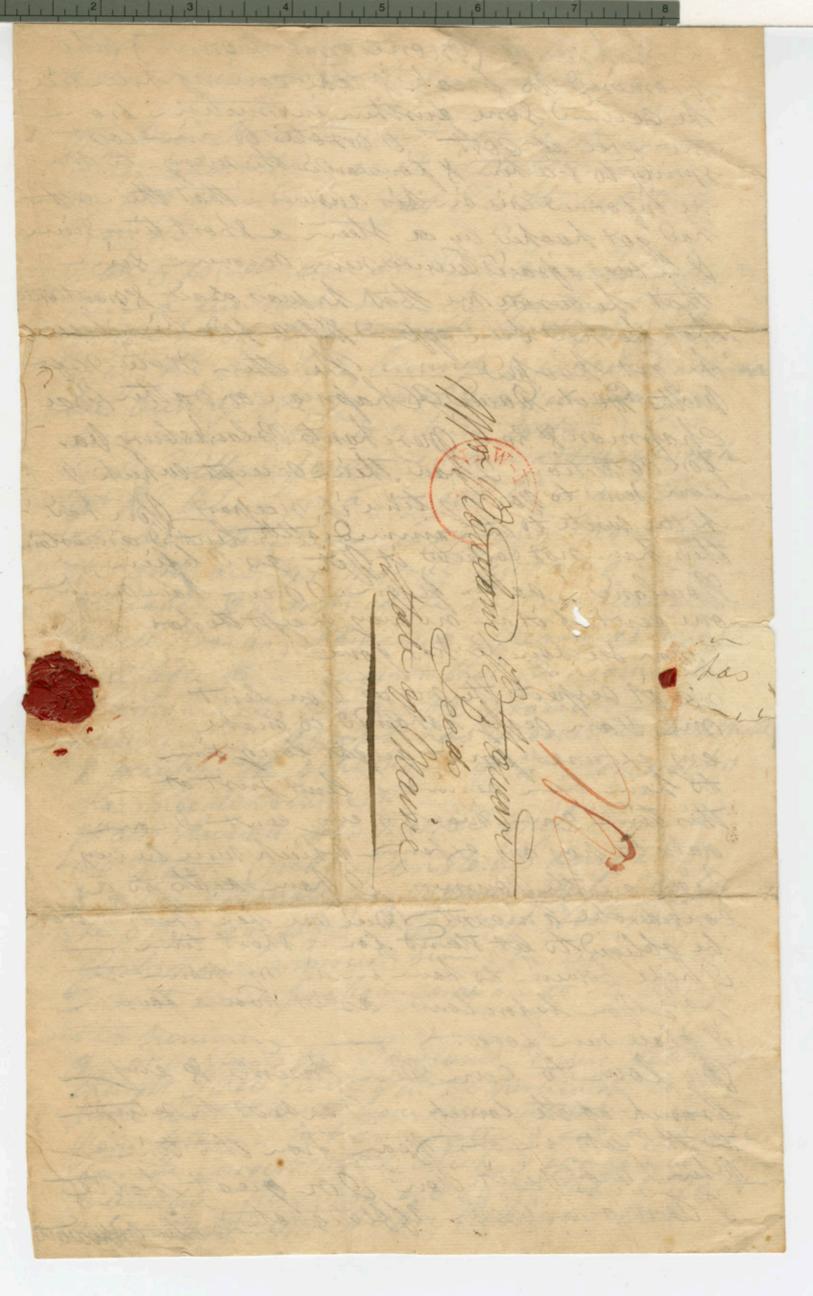
I know not with what terms to address you! How uncertain and transitory are all our immaginary pleasures. I have long anticipated on answer to some of my letters and long expected to have such news from you as would induce me immediately to cross the ocean that divides us and clasp my Eliza in my arms. I have passed in a kind of suspence day after day week after week & month after month untill it is too late in the season to go to Georgia now and no news of you has arrived. If you are still alive and should read this and call to mind the writer I yet indulge a hope that within your bosom beats a pulse yet repleate with true affection and that in your answer (which if not written this must be my last) you will excuse your self for this neglect and write me what I long to <hear [torn page]> that you are well and happy as you can be while so far <[torn page]> him that loves you. I should have writen recently had <[torn page]> convinced that I could not receive an answer in time <[torn page]> Georgia in October which has been my intention <[torn page]> and not receive any letters at all from you has <caused me [torn page]> to give up the idea of going this fall and to try once more to hear from you. I named to you that I had some some duties to discharge to my parents that called me home. I now see them comfortably and pleasantly situated and they and my little brother Benjamin Franklin constituted our whole family and to tell she hath I am sometimes lonesome but yet sleeping or awake my mind is often anticipating the pleasure I might enjoy in the society of my Dear Girl but next I look at the immense distance that part us as a mountain at whose summit I may never arrive were you here perhaps we might be happy. I had a fortunate voyage but twelve days from Savanah to my fathers house. Could I be sur of such a one again I would soon be with you but to go to sea is dismal except to see Eliza. Do write me something of everything of all your affairs and whether you still remember me what I can do to live with you or you with me I still have a gratifying pleasure in the <expection> of my visit to Georgia and especially to the house of your hospitable mother whom I much esteem and long to see as well as all the family whom I greet with my tenderest regard and now almost despairing of any news how you'd write but short and will only remind you again of my everlasting affection and esteem for you and ask if you have so soon forgoten your warm professions of attachment to your dearest friend.

R.B.H.

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**57** 3/24/1827 *From:* V.R. Howard *To:* Mr Rowland B Howard

RBH-0e39 New York Leeds State of Maine

Source: Bowdoin

New York March the 24th 1827

Dear Brother

I received your letter of the 28th of January a few weeks since. It accorded me the greatest pleasure to learn of the good health of my friends in that part of the country. It is a blessing that I have never till lately known how high to estimate. Within the last six months I have for the most of the time been incapable of attending my business in consequence of ill health. My prospects here have & are still very good, but in consequence of my health I have resolved to leave. A Suthern climate will suit me best & I have not the least doubt but then I shall be perfectly well in a short time.

Seth has frequently written for me to come to him but I have always refused till I received his last letter. I have now concluded to go to Pearlington (Mississippi) where he now resides. He last Spring got a situation on me which was worth three thousand five hundred dollars per annum & was very angry becaus I would not except of it. It was Surgeon to one of the fortifications at that place with permition to practice out of the fort. That situation is now however filled but he holds out other prospects which will perhaps be equally as practicable. It is quite healthy in that part of the country where he resides & there is not the least doubt but that it will be better for me as it respects my purse & more to be considered than all my health.

My complaint appears to be primarily of the lungs & bowells but I flatter myself there is nothing permanent & that on my arrival in a Suthern climate I shall be perfectly restored. I shall leave here in a packet for New Orleans tomorrow morning where I shall probally arrive in the course of sixteen or twenty days at the longest, when I will also write you immediately.

My Dear Parrents must not be the least uneasy about me, as it is the opinion of my best friends here that it is the best thin I can do.

Ward & family live at Peekskill when I left there a few weeks since. He has two fine girls. Lucia is in tolerable health only. Ward is in the lumber business & is doing considerable business. He has not seen your letter yet but I will enclose it to him today. Uncle Phillip's family remain at Newburgh yet & I believe get a very good liveing. I have not been there since last spring. None of the girls are yet married, but all are very amiable & worthy of the best of husbands. Uncle Bailey's family are nearly as when you left here, except that Benjamin has settled in this city in the practice of medicum. Joseph has moved to Peekskill & occupys the situation of Dr Hayes who has moved to this City. Harry Rundle has married Miss Emma Constant (Judge Constant's daughter) & a Mr Birdsall has married Miss Jane the other daughter. None of Doct Shnnon girls have married since you left. I believe seth will proabaly come on to the north this summer.

As it respects the Rowland Linsey debt I thought I had given you the particulars long since but I must have been mistaken by your letter. At any rate I got a horse for the largest note which I exchanged for a butiful two year old colt, which colt I left with Mr John Robinson near Blacksburg (Montgomery County) who promised to break & take care of him till he received some further instruction from me, free of cost. I wrote to him last spring to sell him & forward the money to me. He informed me in his answer that the colt had got hooked by a steer a short time since & he was afraid would never recover. Since that he wrote me that he was dead & mentioned that he had been offered \$100 for him before he got hooked. The other note I left with Doct. David J Chapman or rather Isac Chapman & Sons Merchants Blacksburg Va. for collection. I have their receipt which I can send to you any time if necessary. You had better write to them immediately but I am certain they have not collected it yet as I believe Rowland's rather poor. I never have received one cent of it in no way except the hors <[torn page]> you see how he has gone. <As> it respects the money you lent me. I am realy ashamed to make any excuse for it ought long since to have been <sent> but just at this time I am wanting every cent I can rais to pay my expenses which will be very high on the journey. I have debts to a considerable amount due me here that I shall be obliged to let stand for a short time. I hope however to have it in my power to pay you before long as it was a favor I shall never forget.

My love to our Dear Parents & every branch of the family. I expect to return to this city in one year from this

time when I may visit you. In great haste I remain your affectionate Brother.

V.R. Howard

[Envelope]
[Postmark] New York [date unreadable]
Mr Rowland B Howard
Leeds
State of Maine

New York 14 Merch 1834

Dear Brother When I lift you I orsland conting immedeately on my return, but I carried rendlet having stone it, on the 4 of Sany I had the minfolion to buch my lig seem which time I have not been out of my room in till within the last 10 days & have with the circ of Crutcher bun down in the francour & dined with the family. I am now fut recovering & intend going who the new to ou my children in a few days. of hear from them frequently and hum the pleasure to inform for that they are all will with the exception of the whofing bough my youngest slengthen & lettle beg have been effluted with that choring the winter but elle that helle winter om that they have it favourable - I am

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BAB. Howard by March 13 Howard

**59** 3/14/1837 *Fron* 

From: Ward B. Howard

New York

To: Rowland B. Howard Esq
North Leeds
Me

Source: Bowdoin

RBH-0e40

New York 14th March 1837

Dear Brother

When I left you I intended writing immediately on my return, but I cannot recollect having done it. On the 4th of Jan'y I had the misfortune to break my leg since which time I have not been out of my room untill within the last 10 days I have with the aid of Crutches been down in the parlour & dined with the family. I am now fast recovering & intend going up the river to see my children in a few days. I hear from them frequently and have the pleasure to inform you that they are all well with the exception of the whoping cough. My youngest daughter & little boy have been afflicted with that during the winter but Mrs Mitchell writes me that they have it favourable.

I am with my sister in Law Mrs <Niuen> who has been more than a sister to me, every comfort and every attention during my long confinement has been bestowed upon me with a lavish hand so much so that I must confess that my sufferings have been light and trifling to what I at first anticipated. It has been a temporary inconvenience in relation to my business but it will soon be over & my Leg as sound & as straight as ever.

The great scarcity of money during the winter has affected my pecuniary concern a little. I purchased rather too much real Estate the last Season. My Highland Granite Quarry is however likely to turn out well. Mr Puck from Winthrop was here in the fall & left a day or two before I broak my leg. He went up to the Quarry with me, & can give you some particulars when you see him. A Mr Barrett from Hallowell our foreman on the Longfellow Quarry has been here during my confinement. That Quarry has not done as well as I expected the last year. It has however cleared 10 per Cent on the Capital.

I should like to dispose of my interest in that Quarry, if I could do it without loss. I find that I am liable to sickness and accidents daily and the sooner I close my affairs the better it will be for myself & children. I have no longer any ambition to gratify and should feel content to settle down in peace and quietness the short time that remains for me in this transitory world.

Let me hear from you, your family and all our friends around you to whom you will please remember me affectionately particularly our dear father. It is possible that I may visit you during the coming season. I should be happy to see you or any of my friends here at all times. I shall probably be in a better situation to receive them when I am settled at Peekskill where I intend going ere long. Let me know how our dear sister Lucretia is & her family. I feel great anxiety about them & have thought much of them during the winter. My love to all.

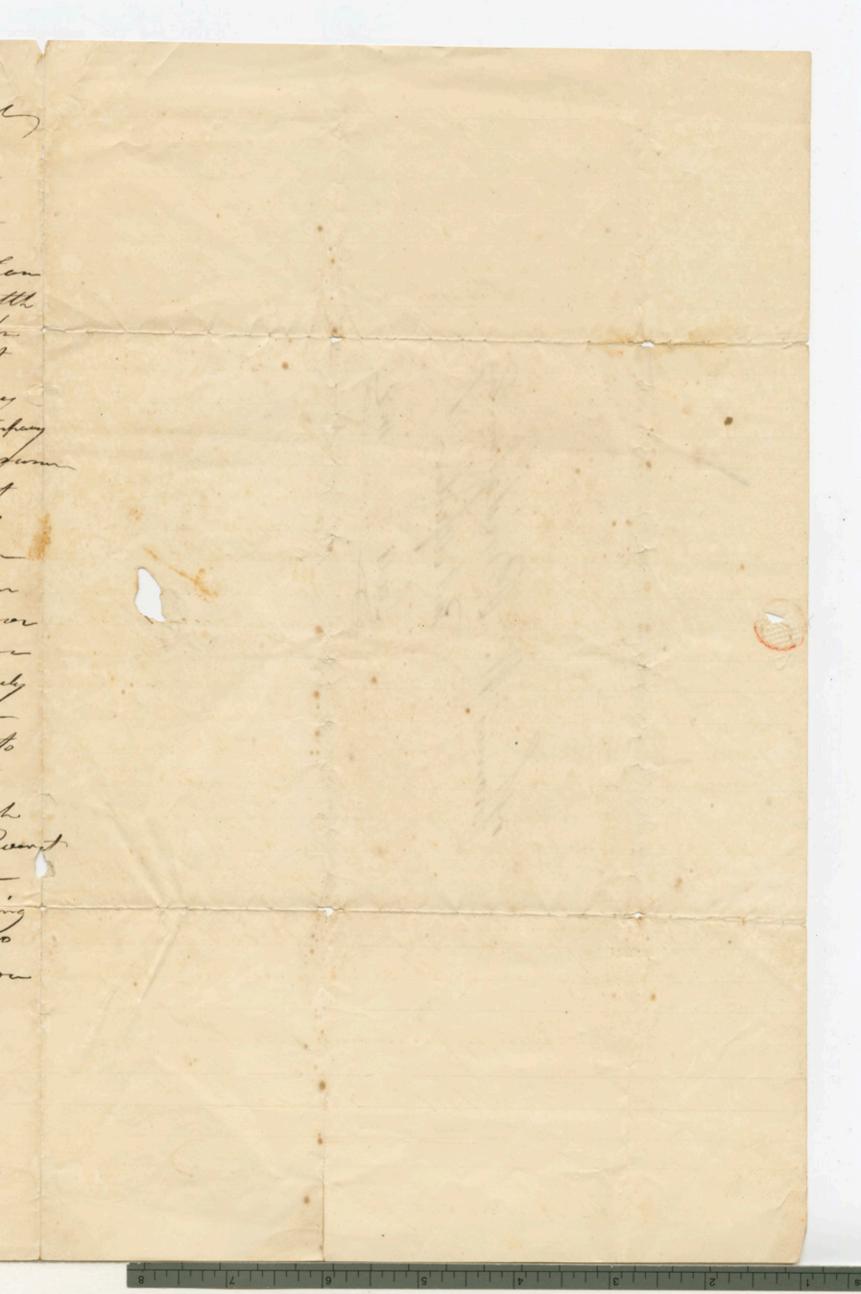
Your affectionate Brother Ward B. Howard

R. B. Howard Esq.

[Envelope] Rowland B. Howard Esq North Leeds Me. [Postmark] NEW YORK MAR 16

New York 1 Tely 1840 Dear Brother Your letter announcing) the Bulen Shally death of our Prother Trendend was new in due leoure of mil & aught to how amound it long before this, and can opign no Sut lown that there not, other than my own bad health & defrespece spirits has for the last few months impites me for all most any kinds of burnesp, at the thing I receid yout letter I my health was little imphosted of the devengement of my privit offairs has very much tretarded my relevery, I had Hown for the months comfined to my room & tot the Hour the copole Cointer and am at this time for from being will I have & still continue to be lander the Dut Change & the influence of medicine I count express my fulning of dempathy for the Widelow of Brother Rowland & hen Soundy . when I receid his last letter I had every In curan to expect that long before this my Chilpetren would have been defined of their only parrent my Officer in a coretitude Condition of they left telethant a protector, fortundely for his children they migry the kind protection of a mother care and I hope one that total & Children have become reconciled to the will of devine providerm in thus depriving them of a Hurband & father. to her & her Children our deats father, and our family respectively, in respect to your

means of Misting your family as expressed in your letter I will that at was in stry popular to aid you, I am awan of your great anxiety to see them and can but think that brother Stillman will affect you, on this subject you know or from Then Mustimproved & hope that you may soon be Intond to perfet health. It was down that Franklen want town on her on his way hunt him but mot having head from him I profum that the from him I profum that he has not passed through the City, let I feel aprisons respecting the health of you all portuelerly our aghet father to beolian the I death of Norother Rebeland must have bur a seven blow & very afflicting, please write me respecting dister Leconten & herfamely I was much senforince & mortifice to been that the was reduced to the meeterty of leaving her home to work in a furting, I wish that I proported the means of reliving her in any way from such A Bridgham I observed that Doct Bridgham this to him for you and as It cothers no Sunt may read It & hand it over to you Sun affer two sh Brother M.B. Howard Am Sett Howard John



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Dear Brother

Your letter announcing the melancholly death of our Brother Rowland was rec'd in due course of mail. I ought to have answered it long before this, and can assign no just cause that I have not, other than my own bad health & depressed spirits has for the last few months unfitt me for allmost any kind of business. At the time I received your letter my health was improving. The melancholly news your letter imparted & the derangement of my private affairs has very much retarded my recovery. I had been for three months confined to my room & to the House the whole winter and am at this time far from being well. I have been & still continue to be under the Doct Charge & the influence of medicine.

I cannot express my feelings of sympathy for the widdow of Brother Rowland & her family. When I received his last letter I had every reason to expect that long before this my children would have been deprived of their only parrent. My affairs in a wretched condition & they left without a protector, fortunately for his children they enjoy the kind protection of a mother's care. And I hope ere this both sister & children have become reconciled to the will of divine providence in thus depriving them of a Husband & father.

Remember me affectionately to her & her children, our dear father, and our family respectively, in respect to your means of visiting your family as expressed in your letter I wish that it was in my power to aid you. I am aware of your great anxiety to see them and can but think that brother Stillman will assist you, on this subject you know more than myself. I am happy to hear that your health has improved & hope that you may soon be restored to perfect health. It was said that Franklin would come on here on his way South in June. I thought likely you might accompany him but not having heard from him I presume that he has not passed through the City. Let me hear from you on the receipt of this. I feel anxious respecting the health of you all, particularly our aged father to whom the death of Brother Rowland must have been a severe blow & very afflicting. Please write me respecting Sister Lucretia & her family. I was much surprised & mortified to hear that she was reduced to the necessity of leaving her home to work in a factory & wish that I possessed the means of relieving her in any way from such imbarrasment.

From a letter I recd from Everett H Bridgham I observed that Doct Bridgham was P. Master. I will take the liberty of enclosing this to him or superscribe it to him for you and as it contains no secrets may read it & hand it over to you.

Your affectionate Brother W.B.Howard

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