Providence 8th mo 1820

Dear Parents

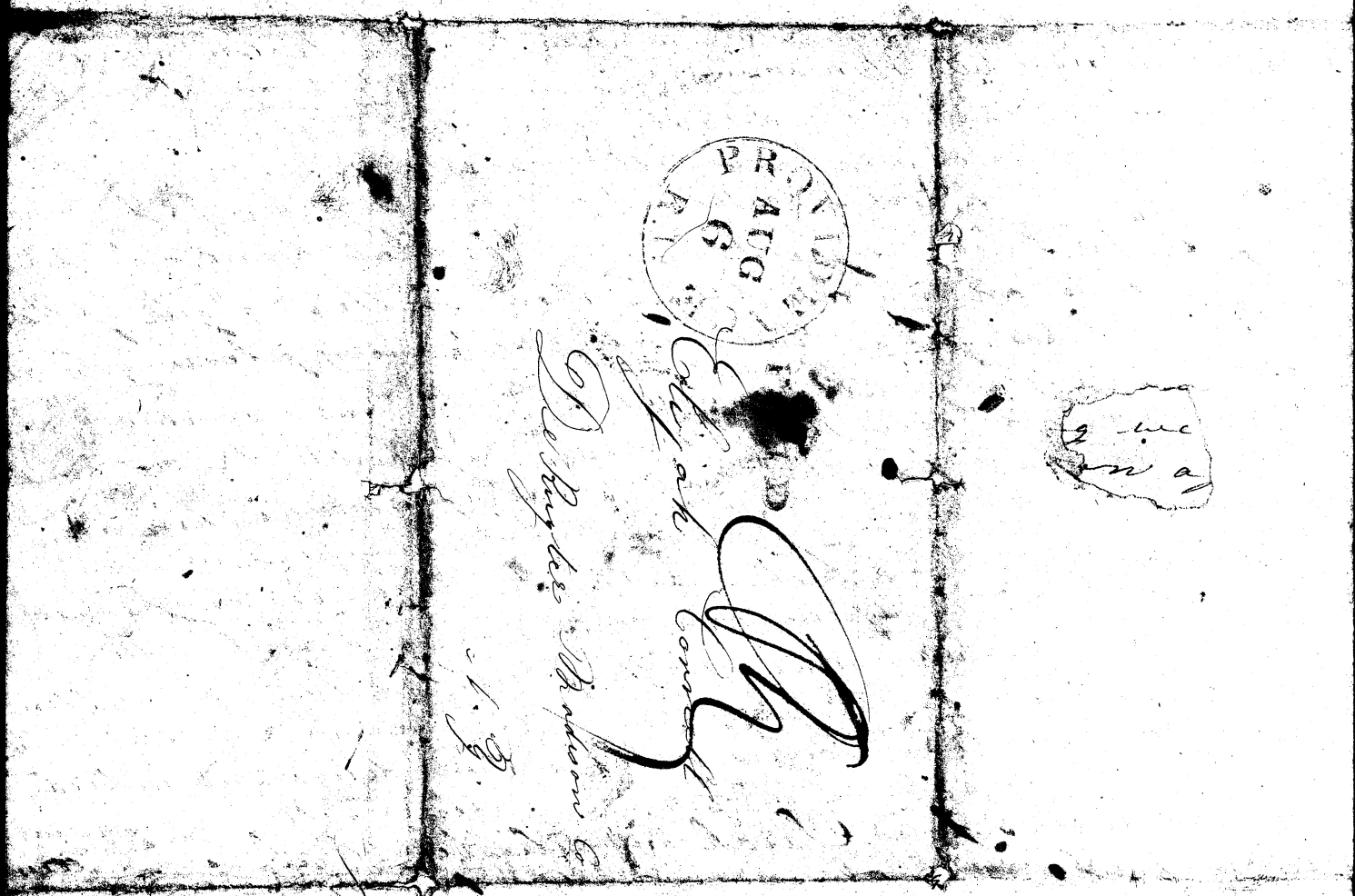
not having received a line from home we began to feel anxious to know the cause if there be any more than the pressure of business which naturely crowds in upon you but can inform you at this time that we all enjoy a comfortable state of health at present and ardently hope this will find you the same Mary has been at fall River and stayed a week she had a very good visit and found our relation in their parts all well as usual Mary has not heard from Ballards folks since they left here she begins to feel quite unsettled in her mind not knowing as they will consent to leave her and if she does return there she wants to make different arrangements home to stay but we can not make any depen upon any thing in this world, a lesson which we have of late had most forceably impressed upon our minds, many are the calls which we have to lead a life of strict self denial and devotedness and awfull indeed are the warnings which are held forth to us, and may we by passing events be led to take a more strict review of the past and humbly crave our assistence to renew our covenants before him with whome we have to do well knowing that he is a searcher of the heart and a discerner of the thoughts, and I believe we shall be able to say feeling well confirmed that He sees not as man sees and that his ways are unsearchable but in deep hidden wisdom We are called upon to inform you of one of the most heart rending circumstances that ever has been our task to record

and that is of the death of our dear aunt
Rhoda Earle and the circumstances attending
it, most probaly you have been informed of
the state of ~~mentle~~ derangement which at
times she had laboured under in one of these
fits of melancholly which suddenly attacked
her awefull to tell she put an end to her
existance by hanging her self to her bed post
with a spine of yarn on the 28th of last month
She was attacked with one of those spells in
last 2 mo (not the first) she had two before
as near as I can remember and from 2 mo
untill the sitting in of summer she was
in a very melancholly way but still she was
about and had the cair of her work and got
out to meetings and when it left her it was all
at once she was well but did not know what
cured her and continued so untill about a week
before her death when by over exerting we think
and too much cair brought it on again
and with more veilence than ever but
still she shew no marks of a disposition
to do any voilence and first day in the afternoon
went to meeting but was not so well 2 day
though had the cair of her work in some
masure uncle John was out of town to work
as he had been for some time the girles nurse
her up 2 day night and put her feet in warm
water and put drafts on and got her to bed and
she said she felt comfortable the girls wantted to
sleep with her but she thought she should rest
better with the little girl that lived with them
nor was she witting to sleep in a room with
the girls and after they thought she had got to
sleep one of them went to her in order to go to bed with
her it was 11 oclock but she was a wake and did not
want them and so they left her and when sarah
a wake she went immeadiately to her room where
in the situation above discribed she found her
they bear it as well as could be expected L C

8 mo 1 /50

Dear Sister I dont know but the will think I have neglected the to long but I have a rearonable excuse I think and that is I thought the would like to here a bout my visit to Fallriver which I have just returned from I war there one week had a beautiful passage down the river and war not seasick atall either way went to Unkle Palmers and Ruth went over to Swanray with me went to Unkle Roberts stade all night didnot see Unkle R. he was gone from home then went to Unkle Millers and went down to the shore and eat claws and waded in salt water staid all night there and in the morning went back to Unkle Palmers and went in the coten factory and in the to see washigig wheel Benjamin Chace went in the calico works with us and that is the greatest curiosity I have seen get they had thousands of yards heaped in all corners all coulard and quality it looked as if calico night be cheap this fall tell Father I found a great many folks that knew him and they insisted on my virit-ing them on the strength of that which if I had of had time would of been very pleasing to me most every one wanted to know when Father was a coming [illegible] a gavon [illegible] I tell them he said he should try to [illegible] down hav fall and they said I must perswaid him along Unkle Stephen Chace wished to be remembered to him in Love I could have spent a month visiting to fallriver and Swanray and think I shall spend some time there if I dont return this fall but be arhured dear Sister though I was not forgotten often have I wisled the here to pertake with me the pleasure of viriting friends and scenes which I find delightful indeed I think the would be very mutch pleared with our cousins in this part I find Sarah and Elizabeth Earl very intimes Girls and like wise Sarah Chaie Unkle Millers Daughter she is a beautifull Girl I could find a nough to write to fill a rheat of paper and if I do not return home this fall the will have a flong letter to read from me but for the prearant I must conclude as my paper is about filled I want the should write to me if I stay I should like to know how yoour folks feel a bout my staying give my love to all especialy to Mary B if she is living I must conclude from thy affectionate Mary Crew

Thomas is well and wishes to be remembered to
Hope father and mother will not give up a
coming down we make all dependance upon it
tell mither if she comes to try to bring a good
bunch of stocking yarn to sell I want a good
lot my self for mens ware and some linning
to foot some woollen will fetch 4 cents per
knot L6.



Otis Eddy & Wife
to
Harmonious King

Deed dated
June 15. 1826 —

"All that certain lot of land lying and being on Lot Ninety four in the said town of Ithaca situate on that part of the lot as is known by the name of Fall Creek Village, Beginning at a White Oak post standing in the North East Corner of said lot and about Eight rods South of the Bank of Fall Creek on the West side of Owego Turnpike Road thence running South thirty six feet thence West Eight rods, Thence North three feet thence West one hundred fifty eight feet Thence North two rods thence East two hundred ninety feet to the place of beginning."

Deruyter ~~December~~ the 11 of 1827

sir I take this opportunity to let you know that I have not forgot you, all though I have been neglectful. I am now enjoying tolerable good health and I hope these few lines may find you enjoying the same.

I am glad to hear that you find company that suites you I hope that you will enjoy your self well. I Received your Letter the fourth of this month & stating that you wished me to send your Book by the barer which I did so, hoping that it has arived safe,, Phebe & I was down to Trishes to see marena two weeks ago & spent the evening, Daniel Barnard has taken an aprentice, gilbert Right who has been here one week to day how long he is agont to stay I do not know,

But ~~let me come to enquire~~ about something else how is Nancy I want to hear, we no not how soon we shall be in the same way. Your mother & Benjamin as was here this evening I do not know but thay are all well. Do not fail of writing every oportunity Come as soon as you can I shall have to work as much as three weeks longer here I have not rote particulars I should like to write much more But as it is tate and my eyes ~~continue sore~~ I hope you will excuse me as a friend, J. Ball

Ballard [illegible] E. Cornell

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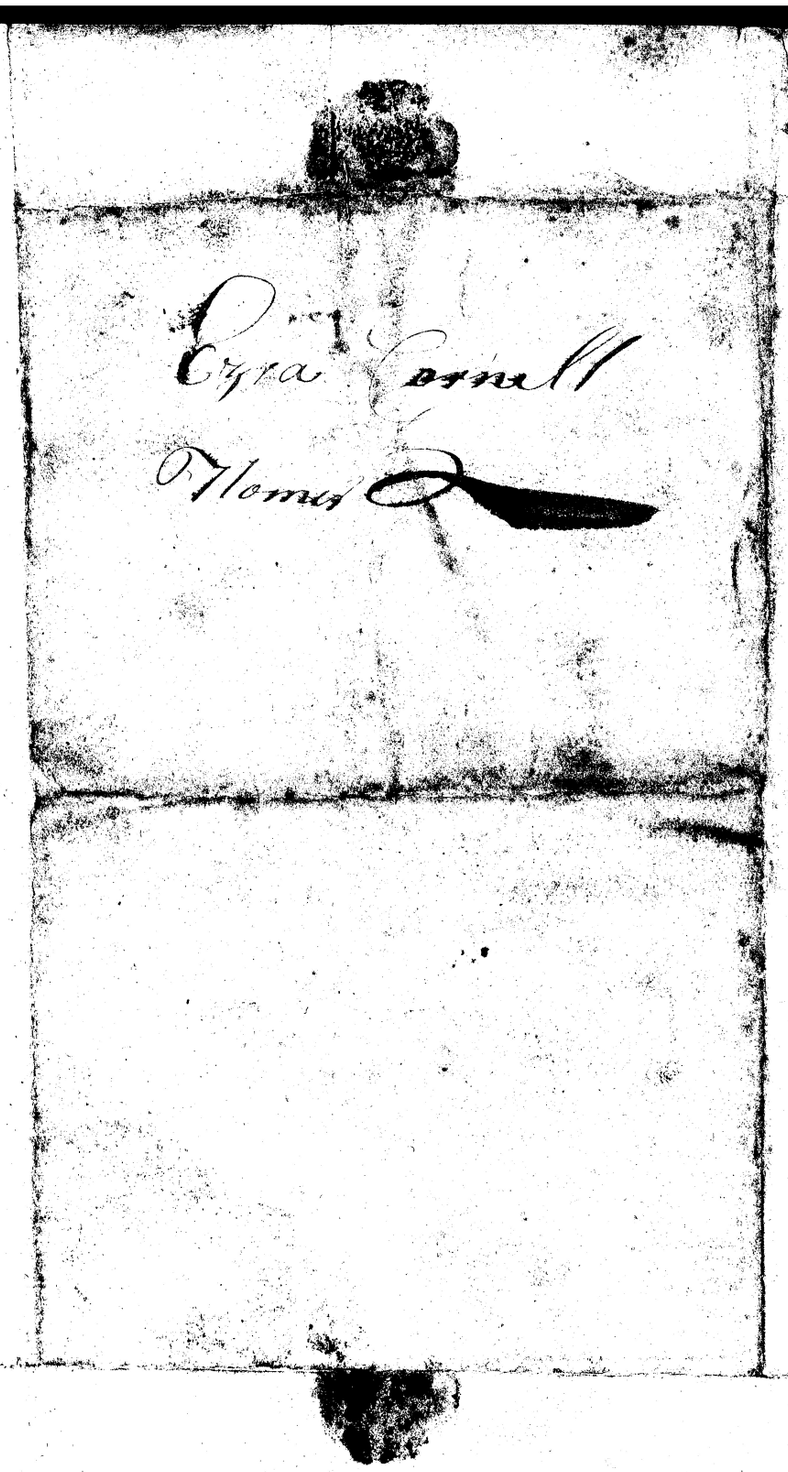

Deruyter) the 27 1828 (January)

Sir I take the privileg to let you know that I am well & hope that these few Lines may find you so. I now set down to write a few Lines to you which I hope will not come amiss I got home about eight oclock; I Shall send the pumps to R. R. macys By Father Bannard & I guess they will fit you & iff they do we will do what is right about them & iff they do not please to send them Back the first oportunity Jervis Chena is out here & Sarah is a going to start to morrow with him I Believe the Relations around are as well as usuall Betsy Crumb is Sick they talk with the Consumption there was a shooting Party to S Bunkers I do not know how they yesterday Come out I was not their, Please to write to me every oportunity Please to give my respect to Mr Hone & William Turner also all other enquiring People E-C/ J. H. B

P.S. I Want you to write how you Comeon withe your Dancing school. Give my Love to Charles

Reflection on time.

Eighteen hundred & twentyseven
Is now forever past
Eighteen hundred & twentyeight
Will fly away as fast
But whether Life's uncertain scene
Shall hold an equal pace
Or whether Death shall Come between
And end my mortal race
Or whether Sickness pain or health
My futer Lot shall be
Or whether Poverty or wealth
Is all unknown to me
One thing I know that needs to tis
To watch with Careful eye
Since every season hent a miss
Is registered on high.
Too well I know what pecious hours
My wayward passions waste;
And oh! I find my mortal powers
To dust and darkness haste.
Earth rolls her rapid seasons round,
They come and they retine;
But virtue is with glory crowned,
Though Suns and Stars expine

What awful thoughts! what truth sublime!

What useful Lessons tis!

O! Let me well improve my time,
Oh! Let me Die in peace!

O Do not forget to write
to me as often as you Can
this from yours

Jesse W Ballard

Ezra Cornell

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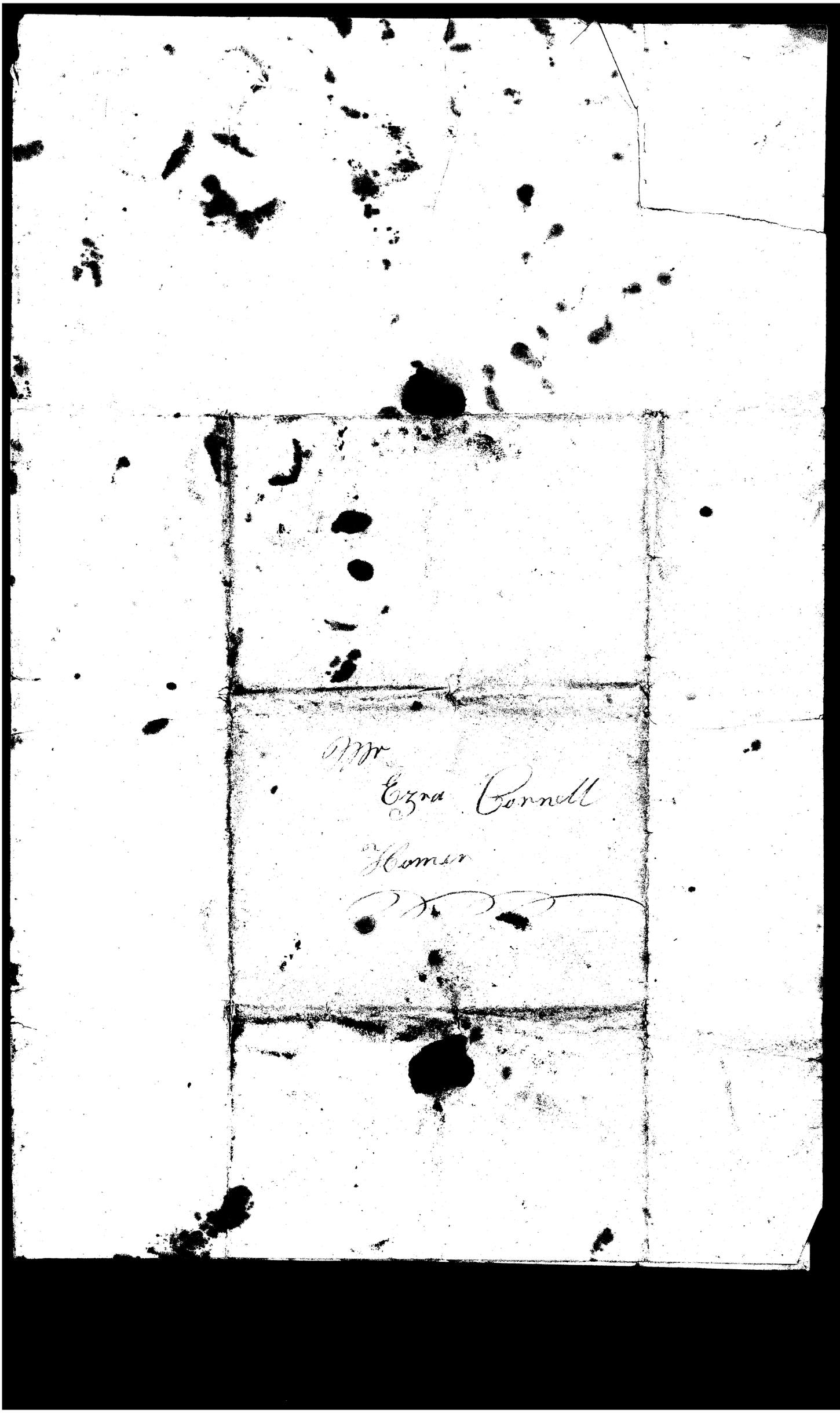
Mr
Ezra Cornell
Homer

Honered father with pleasure, Cazesville December 27th 1829 45

I remit to you Honered father with pleasure I remit to you these few lians to inform you that we are all well at this time hoping these few lians will find you in the same state of health we have recived your two letters also the one written by my brothers and sisters which gave us much satisfaction to here from you and ~~[illegible]~~ our relations in that place we recived your last letter in sixteen dayes from the time it was dated it was truly satisfactory to us to heare ~~from~~ of your safe arrivle in that country as we heard after your departure from here bad reports of the Dearbourn famly I felt affraid that he would misuse you we heard from you several times before we got your first letter the last was by Thomas Dearbourn who stoped and told us he saw y go on bord of the steam boat at Portland you wanted me to state poticuarly about your sons and daughters in this place it has not been long since I heard from Heli and Daniel and famlies they were all well and doing verry well the rest of us are doing about like we were when you left here as for my part I have had rather bad luck in loosing ~~my~~ one of my horses Hannah makes her home with me and works about considerable poticuarly at Henry Keevers there has no deaths hapned here since your departure nor sickness only myself I have been verry in firm this fall I hurt my lame leg which lay me up for some time and have been weakly but I am tolarable smart at this time you wanted me to to state what had occurred here I will state to you that Daniel Crane was reellected justice of the peace by nearly four votes to one huzza for our side give me true harted Republicans yet I have not seen any thing of your wife since you went away the last account I heard she was not verry well she is still in Middletown

we have had a ~~warm~~ cold fall and warm winter so far the pastures and wheat this day looks as green and handsome as in the spring of the year and mud a plenty we truly have got we gethered as great crops of corn this fall as ever was gethered from sixty to one hundred bushels to the acre corn is worth at this time 15 cts per bushel pork has taken a fall worth ~~two~~ Dollar and 25 cts per hundred cwt wheat is worth 50 cts per bushel we shall all be glad to see you come back again it has seemed verry loansom since you went away the letter you sent to G. Kisling I shall take it to him next tuesday. One word to my relatives in that place in your letters you have cracked up your country to be one of the best poor mens places in the world it may be a be but I guess it is a warm if all your poor people dispised to pay homage to rich people as I do i am satisfied that they would leave that part of the world and shake off the the dust of there feet against them and there accussed monerachy laws dear relations is it so possible that your minds are so blinded and have arriven to the years of maturity and do not know good from evil it is not all the property in that province that would hire me to come and subject myself to the king of England no no no I have tasted the good things of sweet liberty to much to be perswaded there is no reality in it as for my brothers and sisters part let them stay where they are for they have got so tanted with that polluted goverment that they cannot

be convinced there is any advantage in living in a free and enlivened Country no brothers stay where you are but for shame sake as fast as your children becomes of age give them there portion and start them for the U.S. that the Cornell Seed some day may be erased from that scandaly puterified overbaring dominearing Scandaliging Goverament I am well convinced if you was under the protection of of America one year and tast of her sweets the kings crown would not entice you to go back again you think you live in the best Country brother Daniel sayes his country is the best and we think ours is the best so it is let every fellow stay where he is then we will all be pleased and not die in a pet land is worthe here from ten is the lowist to thirty Dollars per acre our taxes are modsate our laws are easy turnpikes making Cannals in opperation farmers building every thing prosperous and pleasing I think it is as little as one of you can do is to come out with father to see him out safe and to see the wayes of the world dont be sceard we wont hurt you Come and see where white people lives and mely it may put you in mind to partake of good fruits I could write to you from A to izard but it is of no use adue

(Excuse my bad writing for I am a labouring man this is bad indeding beat it if you can)

Samuel Cornell
Susannah Cornell

P.S.

Hulah and Sidney sends there respects to you grandad uncles aunts. Cousins for ever adue

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Mr Daniel Cornell

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Morris [illegible] gaol January 28th 1830

Dear sister I received yours Bareing no date this evening and sit down in a cold and Desolate Prison to adress a few lines in answer to yours. tell the girls that I was very much disappointed ~~with~~ and displeased with the change changing the arm of one of the [illegible] for the arme of a constable and the [illegible] fire of a play house for the horrible and desolate wals of a prison But alays this is my lot and I am contented with it tell Mother this is the first time Sever heard of one of hur Children being sut up in a prison and I hope it will be the last tell hur to give hurself no uneasiness on my account for the gaolers foaks are very kind to me and give me every thing I ask for, But the thoughts of being locked up in a prison strikes a terror to my soul but here is a chance for reflection and I improve it It is impossible to give any Idear of the Multitude of thoughts that has runn through my mind since [illegible] ben in thy place when Father come in I was a drawing out old Dodge chacing a prisoner on a piece of board this wall is all marked up with names and fright full Monsters and I guess I have done my part of it and if I hante I shall before I quit it is geting late and I must retire give my respects to all both grat and small

P.S. Dueretia write and tell the rest to write if there is any oppertunity From a prison where I lwell I there fore set my name a Brother who wishes you will, If I had time I would give you a description of my house and furnature Yours Ever B. Cornell

Ed. Blanchard
Barristers
Castleton
Jan 28/1830

State of North Carolina Washington County

Town of Plymouth Febuary 8th 1833.

Respected Uncle

I Received yours of the 16th of January with great satisfaction and was glad to hear that you and your family were enjoying reasonable good health and also the rest of our connections in that part of the country with joy and Thankfulness to that Being that rules ~~and~~ us all, I Can say to you that my self and family are in good health and all the rest of my fathers family. Paul Elijah and my self are engaged in buisness to gether we are doing well we employ from five and twenty to thirty workman constantly the year round. we Build from ~~to two~~ to three nice vessels a year we also own Railway for hawling up vessels and have as much as we can do at that. we ~~have~~ have lately purchased half of one of the greatest mills in this country about four miles from our town ~~water~~ navigation wright to us. I have give an account of our worldly Concerns. now shall give you a small history of our familys individually. Paul has had three children but one is living that is a son he is about three year old. Elijah has had two but one living that is about one year and six months old is a son. My sister Mary lives about thirty miles from us her husband follows farming they are in ~~[illegible]~~ comfatable circumstances Mary has had five children but one living. Father at this time is building a small vessel he ~~[illegible]~~ sometimes talks of making a visit to that country to see you all once more. I have no children of my own but one I have adopted a little girl she was about 2 months old when my wife took her we have had her about eight years I believe I have gotten through the particulars of our buisness and familys. I want you when you answer this to let me know the particulars of uncle Elyahs family and their situation and also where I must direct a letter to him I do expect to see you all again if we should live two or three year longer

Father was at my house last week ~~he was~~ Mother is here at this time they Both was much pleasd to hear from you they send thir love to you and your family and all thir connections in that country you can tell uncle Robert altho I have but little recolection of him I remember the time when he & I went upto Nannak gumbeys one night at a late our and Robd her pair trees I should be glad for him to wright me I will keep up a corrispondence with you all that wish so to Do if you see uncle Elijah or any of his family give them my Best Respects and love and tell them that I should like to have a letter from one or all of them as Leursia is at your house tell her that she has sat on my ne many a time but supose was to young to Recolect me But I should be very glad to se her also tell her to give my Best Respects and love to her father & mother Brothers & sisters as it is geting late I must conclude uncle Miller If I should never see you in the flesh I want to meet you & your family and all the rest of my connections in the kingdom of heaven above I feel anseious to hear from you all pleas answer this in a Reasnable time no more at present only I Remain your loving Nephfew untill Death

John Cornell

Mr. Miller Chace 25

Plymouth N.C.

Feb 12 Fall River

State of Massachusetts

John Connell
Plymouth Feb 8th 1833

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Providence 10th mo 19th 1833

Dear Parents

Not having received any intilegence from you in a long time I thought I would try to ascertain the cause whither it is forgetfulness or negligence or a want of time that has caused so much anxiety on my part if the former I will indulge one ray of hope for I cannot forbare thinking that when this reaches you it will stand a chance to stir up those thinking faculties that has so long laid dormant, if negligence the best remedy for that is ambition and if it is the want of time you can do as well on that head as I take a rainy first day when you dont attend meeting and make a beginning and you soon will accomplish it. now if friends think I have rattled enough to accomplish my desire I will precede with my letter

I can inform you that we are in good health at present at Providence I was at Fall River two weeks ago to day and the friends there were all well as usual Uncle M has an addission to his family a little daughter they have named it Phebe Ann Uncle Palmmers wife enjoys very poor health Ruth is a learning a trade I went over to Swansey and attended Monthly meeting Uncle Roberts family were as well as usual I saw Aunt Hetta Mason there she was very well and is very smart She road to Dawsen first day in the afternoon she enquired after father and said I must send her love to him and ask him if he ever comes to Swansy he must not return without seeing her if she is living it is not very likely she will stand it a great while

When I received the last news from home I understood that you talked of going to Mishagan to settle If you could sell the farm but I cant think of that you must wait until I return home before you talk much about that it may be that you may have company on there some perhaps that you little think of at present However I should like to have your sentaments on this subject and some others one in perticular perhaps I stand in need of a parents advise now more then ever I did, and I shall apply to you for it, this was my intention in weighting at this time however I have had good advise and heard to it in some measure I have found almost a mother in aunt Rhoda she is one of the best of women I have taken a great deal of comfort with her and received much good advise from her I board with Uncle Johns folkes and take sewing from the shops I have as much work as I can do some weeks I can clear 2 dollars I pay 1 dollar per week for board

I suppose you will enquire when I calculate to return home I cannot give any encouragement of going before next fall a year from this that is if you are all well I want to hear from you many much tell the girls to wright and wright all about the little boys how they get along I dont expect I should know them now Mother told me when I was a coming away that I should forget them but I could not I shall want to see them many much and Jane likewise tell them they must be good children and when Sister Lucretia comes she will bring them something worth having they must learn to read and spell if they want new books Tell Jane if she is a good little girl I will bring her a little doll as pretty as she was when I come from home, how I do wish you would wright all about them when you do wright

I wish Rhebe was here to sew with me we could have as much work as we could do though I expect her mind is fixed upon teaching school and I expect that is the best imployment that she can follow for sewing would be to hard for her if she dont enjoy better health than she did when I lived at home

Mary and Deborah must attend to getting their learning so as to be some thing, I should like to know what has become of our Benjamin I have not had one line from him in a great while nor have I heard from him I do wish he would wright to me

Tell Uncle Daniel and aunt Nancy that I want to see them and all of the children give my love to Jim and all the rest of them

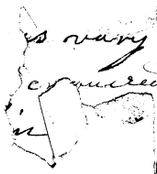
And as for Mother and Aunt Mary it is unnecessary for me to say I want to see them for they must know it without my saying so I told aunt Rhoda Mathews day that I wished my mother would send me a good thick flannel frock to wear this winter and she said she wished she would come and bring it however if she would come I could dispense with the frock

Give my love to Ezra and Elijah and their wives and tell them they must wright to me and let me know all about their little boys they will get to be large ones before I see them I expect tell Steve Mathews that they must kiss them for aunt Lucretia

Give my respects to neighbours mans folks and silvesters and all the rest of the neighbours I shall conclude with wrighting a little privacy to Father and Mother they must not be exposed

As it respects that advise I have mentioned in the first part of my writing it was respecting my present prospects concerning my future happiness or misary in this life that is in a matrimonial connection Since my residence in this city I have formed an acquaintance with a young man by the name of Thomas Chace of a respectable family who has expressed his sentiments to me and solicites my excepting his offer as a evidence of his sincere affection but I decline giving him a decided answer in till I receive your advice he is a sound man of regular and industrious habits about 26 years of age belonging to Providence northdoor monthly Meeting and if you wish any further information concerning him you can apply to Uncle John Cook or Uncle Daniel or Miller either of them can inform you I shall impatiently wait your answer however as my father advises me to all this matter be decided but be assured that in every appearance he is worthy of your obedient Daughter my respects to all Farewell.

Lucretia Cornell



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Elijah Cornell

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Elijah Cornell
Deruyter
Madison County N. York

Providence 5/mo. 12th 1834

Respected Friend

Having formed an acquaintance with Thy Daughter Lucretia and being permited to address Thee, for permission to enter into marriage engagements with her, I now ask Thy consent. Anticipating Thy approval, as it is a subject that deeply concerns my future welfare and happiness. Please to write without Delay and remain Thy Freind

Thomas Chace



Providence 4th mo 6th 1853.

Dear Parents, Brothers, & Sisters.

Once more have taken my pen inorder to let you know we all in great mercy enjoy our health's and hope soon to hear the same comfortable tidings from our much beloved home. We have long looked for some news from you but in vain have you forgotten your long absent Children? or are your attentions turned towards those nearer home. be it as it may we should nevertheless be rejoiced to receive one kind favour from you, do gratify us we beseech you. Benjamin is at his work I expect. he was hear a week ago yesterday he was well and in good spirits he has engaged to work for P. Scott for $ 15— 50 cents per month. he expects to return next fall if nothing happens but I cannot tell when I shall I want to go home when he does but I dont expect Thomas will be able to make his arrangements so as to leave then traveling is so expensive we cannot afford to go and come back again if we conclude to settle there He calculates to settle on a farm I expect — — — I suppose you heard when we was married by the way of Ithaca as we wrote to Lyra. the 29th of the 1st mo I come here at his fathers the same day and here I have remained ever since I like living here as well as I should any where excepting keeping house by ourselves which I expect to experience when we think it will be for the best. I believe I have got as good a husband as I could wish for he proves so thus far and I have no doubt but he will continue so however I do not wish to make any brags for I conceider it nothing less than a favour condecendingly granted by the great giver of every good and perfect gift and it is my sincere wish and I hope it ever may be my sincere endeavour to make him as good a wife — — He boards here as usual and I work on wages they give me $1 per week and I do have a chance to do Thomas's and my own sewing. the work is not very hard tho I am very much confined at home as there is no girl besides to leave to keep house I get along with the children as well as I expected to they obey me very well and in short the whole family treats me very kindly.

I have not been at uncle Johns very lately but the last I heard from them they are all well Mary there oldest daughter is at Swanzey at her grandmothers. Benjamin Slaid is not living he died last fall of a lingering illness Aunt Betty Mason continues smart yet Polly Pettises folks is well as usual I no nothing but our uncles in Fallriver is well and there families yrs. M lost his youngest daughter last winter she died about the same time Uncle Plost his wife who died of the consumption Uncle Roberts family is all well for ought that I know I can not think of any more news to write I think I shall leave it and see if Thomas wishes to write —

4th mo. 12th Respected Parents. Lucretia has kept this for me to write until now, not having had a conveinant time before. as we who follow a bell do not get much spare time. I thought I would add a few lines. we are still injoying good health. we received a letter from Phebe to day and were much plased to hear that they are all well at Ithaca. Brother Benjamin was here to day he is well & has received a letter from you about a week ago, and we were plased to hear that you were all injoying good health. Lucretia and I think some of trying to make you a visit in the fall but it is uncertain whether we shall succede, if I conclude to go, to the west to look for land we shall come without doubt, as I think of setting on a farm before long. Aunt Rhoda E. was here the day before yesterday she has heard lately from Fallriver. Benjamin Chace Uncle Miller son is much out of health. and thinks of visiting the springs. bousin Polly Pettis made Lucretia a visit, last week, and wished to be remembered to you all, they are all well as usual, so having nothing more that we think of to write at present. we conclude and remain your ever affectionate

Children Thomas Chace
Lucretia Chace

17th I think this will be rather tiersome to you but I have been so much engaged since T. wrote that I have not had time to add What I wished to befor it was sealed I want to be remembered in much love to neighbour Mann and tell her I have not forgotenether nor any of my friends in Deruyter and be my engagements ever so numourous it makes no difference to the latitude of my thoughts or to the strength of my affections, I suppose my mother will say dont name affections Lucretia espetially thee who seems so cool and regardless but my Dear Dear friends do not censure me too hard did you how ardently I wish to visit you you would rather pity than censure but I will try to be contented with my lot. Benja[illegible] was here yesterday he is well give my [illegible] to Uncle Daniels folks and Aunt Mary and all. I must conclude in much love to you all so farewell. — — — L.C.

— do not w[illegible]sh to —

[illegible] othing less than a favour condecendingly [illegible] great giver of every good and perfect gift [illegible] incere wish and I hope it ever may be [illegible] ndeavour to make him as good a wife — [illegible] ere as usual and I work on wages they give [illegible] week and I ~~do~~ have a chance to do Thomas's and [illegible] sewing. the work is not vary hard [illegible] ary much confined at home as there [illegible] b besides to leave to keep house [illegible] with the children as well as I expected to [illegible] y me vary well and in short the whole [illegible] treats me vary kindly.

Lucretia Chace
Providence 6 mo 4 1835

(E&C Apr 9th
1854

Elijah Cornell
De Ruyter Madison
N.Y.

yesterday the
Fallriver. Benjamin Chace
much out of health, and thinks
springs, cousin Polly Pettis made
last week, and wished to be rem
all, they are all well as usual,
more that we think of to write
conclude and remain your ev

Children Thor
Lucret

Ithaca Falls 3d mo 26th 1836

Dear Parents

Having a leisuer time this afternoon I dont know as I can improve it better than to address a letter to you although I have not much news to communicate, I can inform you that Elijah has moved to Manlius, He went last second day as far as B Woods & from there third day he was not calculating to move before the canal opened but the cold weather holding on so late he took quite a suden start and moved by sleighing he cor carried two loads of goods last week one himself one he hired carried he got back seventh day & second day they went in a cutter the children have been sick with colds so as to have the doctor Betsey Ann stayed to Ezras while I was gone with the goods Ezras folks are well with the exception of the Elizabeth she has a bad cold now and is quite unwell I can inform you that my school is drawing near the close I have three weeks to keep now, I have about twenty scholars I was disappointed in not having my cloths sent out by B Wood when he was there but his coming home another way was the reason I suppose. we learned by letter that thee had not disposed of the form. I dont know what arrangements will be made Ezra mentioned to me that I had better buy half of it and put it in repair for sale as he thought there would be a profit in it But I dont know how that is

the snow is off some around here the Road is bare to town but I hear that out a little the snow is deep as ever nearly, I talked of coming out there to day and fetching Lucretia out here and getting my cloths but Ezra thought if I went home when my school was out it was not worth a while Mary ann wants to see Le very much out here again before she goes to the East if she goes I want an answer as soon as you get this and want to hear how you make out for hay &c

how you have got the stock through and how thee snow is out there how Phebe gets along with her school and all the news please write a good long letter and let Lucretia & Phebe finish it give my love to Aunt Mary and all Enquiners, and take good care of that cutter and dont let it stand out in the weather

With respect your undutiful Son
Benj Cornell

Benjamin Cornell
Ithaca 3 mo 20th
1836
Elijah Cornell

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Elijah Cornell
DeRuyter
Madison
N.Y.

Cranston 6th mo 7th 1826

Dear Brother

I suppose thee will want to know how I get a long keeping house I make out vary well so far we commenced a week agoe to morrow of 4th day, the babe has been quite sick seemed much as before I immeadately applyde the musteed to her stomarch which made her vary troublesome but I think it helped her we called the doctor once I did not like his way of proceeding vary well did not advise as Spencer did however she was not near as low we have got a vary comfortable house a plenty room and quite comveinant for work our family will be large in haying we have one man and a boy now besides Joseph Chase T brother next week we shall have Waterman as his wife is a going home on a visit I shall keep thy sugar box as father wont need it to carry his vuitals in and ther may have the sive in exchange I got a long with out any troubel with the baby she was vary good Aunt Ol wants to bring Mary over here and stay a week for her health she is vary fable indeed I do not think of any thing else the baby is a crying &c.

(P.S.) tell welthy she must excuse me from writeing for it seems as tho I have so much to do I cannot get time I must write to many if I can

Franklin County
Vermont
1836
Winter

James Bennett

Esquire

Providence 9 Mo. 17th 1836

Beloved Brother in haste I set down to write by Brother Palmer who arrived here unexpectedly on his way to your country and as I duly receind thy letter enclosing Mothers all of which were very acceptable especialy thy account of wellfare & well getting home and Satisfaction in the visit with some help in expences of boat fare all of which we in measure participate in the enjoyment of & should have written ere this but some dicaunagment has attended my thoughts whenever I looked to the attempt & I now think this the best time although thou may have thought the time long our dear Child lingered untill the 2nd of 7th Mo her strength [illegible]adually declined with every turn of Coughing which increased the difficulty of raising being sensible untill the last & desired to be released was quiet & patient even on that account to our great admiration and we believe that all was well with her so that she became a partaker of the rest of God thus it becomes us to leave the subject Thomas & Family have been pretty well with some little exception have been in often and one doing as well as thou anticipated the dreadfully of the season accepted (our folks may add)

I came from Lucretias last weak was sent for on account of their child being on well left it better have heard send it continued gaining at had a lung complaint. she is a lovely child I was aritieing to you so that you will git the perticlors thay apper to be gitting along nicely and injoy themselfs very well I wonts one of her sisters to come down this will be a good chance hope one of them will improve it sister I wont to git a enough of thy family down hear to induce the to come I must cot this scroll Ashort for the wont of time in love to you all farewell

R Earle

Elijah Cornell
Elijah Cornell
Elijah Cornell
Elijah Cornell

Rhoda Earl
Providence R.I.
9 mo 17th 1836

Cranston 6th mo 1st 1837

Dear Parents

we received your letter this after noon and was very glad to hear you were all well and can inform you we likewise are in the enjoyment of health we acknowledg your reproof just for our neglect of writeing it was on no other account except want of perseverence we have been engaged most constantly sence we commenced here we are as it were imersed in a multiplisity of cares but truely we mite found time even if we took it out of our sleeping hours and I hope we shall a void being so negligent in future — if you deem my apology suffitient I will commence my letter now I will give you first a brief account of our little family Rebecca is as likely a little girl as we commenly see she is vary helpfull delights in useing a broom and mop and will sit in the cradle and rock and sing to her little brother who she is vary found of and whose name is Elijah Cornell he will be 3 mo old the 7th of this month and weighs 10 and quarter lbs we call him something extry I must leave 2nd 5th we went in town to meeting yesterday and left the children to uncle Johns they were all well and likewise uncle Daniels family he has had the small pox this spring and was vary sick no one of the family took it of him Rebecca was to uncle Johns when he come down with it but she had been vasinated Aunt Rhoda carried her home wither when my baby was about a week old she staid a week

I want to write to Elijah next and that will be before long give my love to all inquireing friends and write as often as convenient from your affection alg

I day afternoon as I was obliged to set down to take the baby I thought best to improve the same time in writing if (I can write so as to be read) as I do not find much leasure besides I can inform thee there has been a great alteration in Johnathan Earles family since thee left here he lost one of his sons whilst Uncle Palmer was in the country and since that he has been taken away and two more of his Chilldren one son and his oldest daughter Susannah and has one other son that is very sick all of consumption Ruth Chace was here and staid two weeks with me whilst I was sick she told me all concerning her visit was highly pleased with it I commenced a letter whilst she was here to send home but I waited so long for Thomas to finishe it that it got to be an old story and I gave up sending it Uncle Miller has let his hous to a minister for $200 per year and goan to Berkley and hired a farm his boys has not left Fall River I beleave Aunt Mason is living yet but continues to fait Edward chace is maried and lives in his fathers uper tenement his wife is quite out of health tell Benjamin James scott has lost his oldest daughter with the scarlet fever I am very well satisfied to hear Elijah has given up his western prospect but I think the boys are rather to bad to leave thee in the management of the farm a gain if we here of any one hat wants to purches land of that discription we will do all we can to direct them there I hope you will live more to your leaswee ere long we should like to have Benjamin down here if he is not a going to live at home altho I suppose you had rather he would not go so far from home

I mother I get a long nicely with my babies
I get a long and do the work for two men
besides our own family with the help of a little
girl about 13 years old we give her about
sixty six cents a week or 4 shillings and
last week I made a goats hair bamblet coat for
Thomas besides doing the work and takeing care
of the children with Ann's help tell the girles
they will regret when situated (if ever they are)
as I am that they did not improve there time
when they could in helping mother more than
I think they do I should be vary glad to have one
of the girles down here I should think they mite
do better than working in the paper mill although
I do not know but it is profitable business but
I do not think a young woman can feel herself
quite independent untill she is mistress of a good
traid I find mine vary wonefull even now I should
be vary loath to part with tell Jane to be a good
girl and stay at home with mother and she will
never have caus to be sorry and the boys must
be good and help father all they can and if I
ever have a chance I will make them some more
new cloathes — Thomas has goan off to ded he
sais he will write a letter a loan I have taken
up so much of the paper there is not room for him
Ezra I expect thinks Thomas dont cair to keep up
a corraspondence but it is not the case he is no
great hand write to any of his friends but we
are always glad to hear from them we do not
know what we are a going to do after this year
I suppose you are anxious to know how they are
ageting a long but I cannot say if crops come
in good and market prices are as high next
fall as they were last they will do well but money
matters are vary dark at presant there has been
a great many heavy faibures this sumer

I have filled out my paper with my much interesting news but you must excuse me for I have not much to write Jonsin Polly Bells is well and all the rest of our friends as far as I know

Lucretia Chace
Cranston 6 mo 11th
1837

Elyah Cornell



Elijah Cornell
DeRuyter Madison Co
N. Y.

Ithaca July 11th 1837

Dear Mother there being a chance to send a
line by Father I thought I would write a fie
words to let the know how we get a long I ha
got a very good place to work the pay is good an
the work is not hard they want I should stay
all winter I dont know as I shall but
I shall come home this fall on a visit if I
have a chance and if I do come I shall come in
last October I dont know but Squares folk
will be out in the fall Phele said Mother w
a going to Deborah and I a new frock this fa
if one of us was home to spin the wool I sho
like to spin it wary mutch but I cant leve
till fall if I could I would come home and
if Deborah comes home I surpose it will be all
if the makes me a new frock and haves it coulen
I should like to have nune black but do it ja
as the is amind to I surpose ell and Phele w
be mared this fall I dont know as she told the
thing about it but if she dident dont let
ther know I have wrote any thing a boutet
the must come out this fall if the can and
tell aunt mary I wount for get her Gloves it
she had rather have them than any thing el
but there ant any Gloves here that is good
any thing I should rather get her some thing
else then to run the risk of geting a good hon
(from this undutiful child ell)

Give my love to all the folks and write me the first chance and write all the news I hunt here wore from Lunitii since I have to have I wrote a letter to her and left it for Phele to send she did not

Ithaca July 3rd
Mary Cornell

Eunice Cornell

DeRuyter

Respected sir,

As a matter consequent upon human life I have for a course of years studiously regarded the motions and movements of my female acquaintance for the purpose of discovering one among the multitude who possessed the requisite qualities for rendering the married life preferable to any other and of the number of ladies that have fallen within the circle of my acquaintance I feel it my imperitive duty to bestow upon your daughter Phebe, the preferance. If I am not deceived she possesses as many of those qualifycations as I have ever expected to find centered in one individual, I have therefore disclosed my feelings (to her) upon the subject of a union, and am happy in saying that she makes no particular objection to the propositions which I offer, Now, if I can succeed in obtaining the consent of yourself and beloved consort for our union I can see nothing to deprive us of enjoying as great a share of happiness as was ever alloted to as frail creatures as we are, If your consent is granted, I will say that whatever part of the world it shall be our destiny to reside it shall be my constant endeavor to promote the happiness and well being of your amiable daughter and to render her life pleasant and agreable while under my protection.

I am in sincerity your humble and
obedient Servantt.

Martin B Wood

Elijah Cornell

Dryden August 13th 1837

P. S. Please direct your communication to Etna post office

Varna N.Y. 10
August 13

Mr.

Elijah Cornell

Deruyter Madison County

N.Y.

Ithaca Nov 24. 1837

Dear Parents

Having an oppertunity to send you a letter by Davids people I thought I would write a few lines to let you know how we all do Nelson has been very sick with an inflamatory fever the Doctor was here for 10 days runing he is now quite smart — Marion & Maria are well and geting as fat as pigs the rest of us are Enjoying prety good health Mary & Benjamin had a prety hard time a geting home from Dekuyter on acount of bad going & there horse was sick with the bellyacke in the Bargin I have had very good luck in finishing my out doors work this fall I got it all finished up last weak before this Coald snat sat in I finished my bridge job in 10 days my expences out were $1.88 ct per day the job came to $77.25 leaving me a little short of $6.00 per day for my own work I suppose I shall have about a months work to do in the new mill this winter

tell Mother Mary says I must write some thing about the tripe she brot home she says Elijah did not like it at all but when it Come on the table he like to founder I should have sent Mother some sweet potatoes if there had been any in town there has been but very few here this fall when I was at work at the inlet I saw a large hogshead of them come in on a boat but they were all spoiled so that they threw them in the inlet

It Snowes here merrily i think that I shall Come to Dexnyter this winter if there Comes good Sleighing Benjamin has just Come in here & set down and has teld me some news he Says B. Breed has takeing thy farm that is news to me I dont know but we shall get disappointed in geting the farm we expected to if we dont get that we shall get some other if we can Mart has bot Ezras farm in Dryden or rather Swaped his land in Mishagan for it Phebe is now at Dryden and has ben for a weak tell Mother Mary has Cut her woolen frock so short as to ~~sail~~ spoil it she has ~~sold~~ sold it to Mary An for Eliza she gets $300 dollars for it Mary Says Phebe Cut the Mistake I dont think of any thing more to write give my respects to all Aunt Mary in pertickler

C. B. CORNELL

Elijah B. has gone out and left his letter open and I thought that I would take the privalege to write a few words as he did not say enny thing about enny of your coming out here this winter tell Debora that we should be verry glad to have her to cone and make us a visit as she did not cone to spend the winter with us and we should be glad to have a visit fom the rest of you Mary has got a dark dress in lieu of her woollen one and is just finishing it of nothing more at preasant

Please to give my love to
Aunt Mary B. A. Cornell

[illegible]

E. B. Cornell Nov 24 1837

Deborah Cornell
Kuston

Letter from E. B. C

Elijah Cornell
Dekuyter
Madison Co.
In care of Samuel Newitt
Letter from E. B. C

Branch Co. Batavia 12th mo 28th 1857

Dear uncle E.C.

We received your letters after they had lain some time in the office; & were glad to hear that you were favored with life & health to prosecute your journey to our country—

We will gladly accept the invitation to come & see you if you cannot come & see us, if circumstances will permit; our daughter Susan has been subject to distressing convulsion fits for several years, which tends to keep us more confined at home— We shall try to get out there after you get back from aunt Anna's if it is not that we can leave— We have had a the severest spell of cold weather that ever known in Michigan, my ink is frozen & spotted so that you will find it difficult to read what I write—

Our boys Robert M. & Luth[illegible] home last spring for the West; last fall they took their departure from Wisconsin for Minnesota, they wrote us from St Paul, the first of [illegible], since which time we have not heard from them— We got a letter from L.D. Thomson at the same time that we got yours, they were well & had a daughter two months old, it has been sickly again in their country, a number of deaths have occured— I will not with ink & pen write more to you but hope & trust that we shall soon see you face to face—

My love to you all farewell

Your kinsman Robert Bunker



Paid 3

Elijah Cornell

Albion Mich

Britannia
Mich May 30

Ithaca Falls 1837

Dear Mother

As Mary has sealed her letter I shall have to trouble the north another I have concluded to work with Mary in the Paper Mill And shall have to have some clothes my buff dress and cape and aprons I do not know how you will like for us to work in the Mill they give the girls a very good chance viz $2 per week for the first two weeks an after that $2 per week and do so much in a day and in long days in the Summer they do two days work in one. If the [illegible] wants me to help them next Summer I will come as have not engaged for any time. Tell Deborah She may have my crape dress, Kerchief, to pay for wearing it this winter Phebe

Phebe Cornell
Ithaca Falls
1837
Mother

Mother E. Cornell
Dekington
1869

Dryden 6 mo. 10 1888

Beloved Parents

You will learn by this that your children and friends in those parts are in the enjoyment of health and surrounded by every blessing that renders Life agreeable. I have not seen Sister D. yet but hear that She commenced her School with every appearance of success. E & M. and children were up here a week ago it was the first time they have visited us since we commenced housekeeping we had good visit from them Ezra was in excellent health and high spirits We are very pleasantly situated and, as well contented and much more so than I ever anticipated my disposition would admit. Polly Peasley said Mother expressed her fears that I would be lonesome being in the habit of living in a large family and I will own I did for a few week but have got entirely over it now so that I am better contented at home than any where else. We have two excellent cows are a raising three calves which look well and make from eight to ten lbs of butter per week more than we want which we let Elizabeths folks have. we have got a very good boy 12 years old but is not larger than Daniel. I should have preferred to have one of my brothers but we concluded that as Father had his farm to manage he would not be able to spare one. We have 12 geese and five goslings which are a doing well and if we have good luck we get in the way of making

beds soon. I had one bed of Ezra and we have
hired another. which mak two beds below and
we bought a straw bed tick and a bedsted and
a bed up stairs for our boy. so you see we are
comfortable and can make out untill we can
make a bed. those feathers you had better keep
and have the use of them till Mary wants a bed
and I dont know how son that will be. I feel
perfectly willing to give up my right if
have any and perhaps she wont get a farmer
Martin has got a very nice table and con-
sequently I shall not want Father to get one for
me. My cloth basket I should be glad of if
convenient. I want Father to come out and
bring a load of ware as there is a thousand
things I want. Some large 2 and 3 gallon pots
preserve pots cream pot pint bowls small
milkpan to bake corn puding and chicken
pie in plates of diferent sizees and other
to numerous to mention. we do not want you
to give them to us as Father has to work very
hard to make them and we are better able to
work and pay for them than he is.
Mary has staid one week with me I do not
know when she will come home. M. at me
got the bolts for the wew mill to make
wants mary to help her. I think you must
med her B. will be back in time for
Dearthly meeting and wants us to go to De
Ruyter with him. but it will be very difficult
us to leave. M. says I may go with Benjamin
if Mary will come and keep house for him
but She would not be contented to stay here
if I was at home much less if I were gone
So I think it a chance if either of us comes
I do not feel as if I could give it up. Tell you
She must be good and help mother and then

She may come out here and see our boy.
I shall send Aunt Mary 5 yds of sheeting
which I and Mary owe her. I would send
her some tea if I could. We have an account
to Grants in Ithaca we have to get in debt
for all our groceries and I cant bear to ask
Martin to get any thing more than he
is obliged to. we have every thing to buy
and nothing to sell till we raise it.
the season is so backward the prospect is
rather dark now but I think we are
in a fair way to have a living.
we have a plenty of currants which we
began to use a week ago. soon shall have
gooseberries. an a hundredth of cherries
plumbs apples and some pears. and
strawberries which is better than we could
have in Michigan in some time. our
friends there write that they have hard
times. Tell Reuben and Emmee that
we expect Mary here the 4 of July and
shall be much disapointed if they do
not come to. Mother must try to come
out and stay 3 or 4 weeks when grain
is ripe Martin wants aunt nancy to
come out and live with us as long
as she can be contented and learn me
how to cook. I would like nancy much
indeed to have her to come if she can
ride so far which I think she might
if she had a comfortable way provided.
it is second day morning and I have not
you a neat yankee letter my wash water
is hot over the stove Martin has gone
after a tailoress girl and will be back
soon and I must get done washing before
he comes. So adieu. P. Woods

Phebe Wood
Dryden
6 mo 10th 1838
Pearents

E. Cornell
D. Ruyter

Rochester August th 5 1838

Dear Brothers and Sisters

I take my pen to write a few lines to let know how it is with us at this time we are all well at this time Except Anna and she is gradualy fading and wasting a way Coughs a great deal and some days verry poorly and then again more Comfortable her feet began to swell a few days ago but swell verry gradual and how long she will Continue it is unknown to us some thinks she may live untill the leaves begin to fall should that be the Case it would be verry trying to me for I should have to go home and leave her which would be harder for to me than to bury her she is intirely Resigned and often says if it is the Lords will she hops she shall be taken away before that time it is a great Consolation to to see her so resigned. I Recieved Brother Elezars letter in due season was glad to here from you but sorry to here Sister Mary was so much unwell I should be verry glad to Come and see you all once more if I Could but I Can see no prospect of that as soon as I Can be released here I must Return home I have had a letter from Maria Dated the 15 of last mo she said her father had been quite unwell since I left home but was better when she wrote I have not heard from them since but am looking for a letter daily Second day the 6 the weather verry warm Anna verry feeble has to lay on her rite side all the time the skin of her hep which is verry tedious yesterday we heard that John Robinsons formerly was quite unwell several of them with the Cholramorbas and Caroline Threatened with a fever I Recieved a letter from Ezra which was very Exceptable and I shall write him before I leave Rochester but I Can hardly find time to write to any one I have not been but once the other

side of William macys since I have been
here it is five weaks last seventh day since I
came here so you must think I have not much time
to spare you must let Ares Write to this letter
and that must answer hers — —
pleas to give my affectionate love to sister
mary and all the rest of my friends &
with much Respect I Remain your
affectionate Sister

Anna Macy

P.S. Do write soon and lett us hear
how you are

Anna Macy
Rochester Aug 5th 1838
Mother

Elijah Cornell
De Ruyter
Madison Co
NY