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Please have your box of clothing on its
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directing to me at Dawn Mills, Canada West
care of Ives & Co. Detroit, Mich.

It could be sent to Boston thence by Rail
Road to Troy or Albany - thence by Can.
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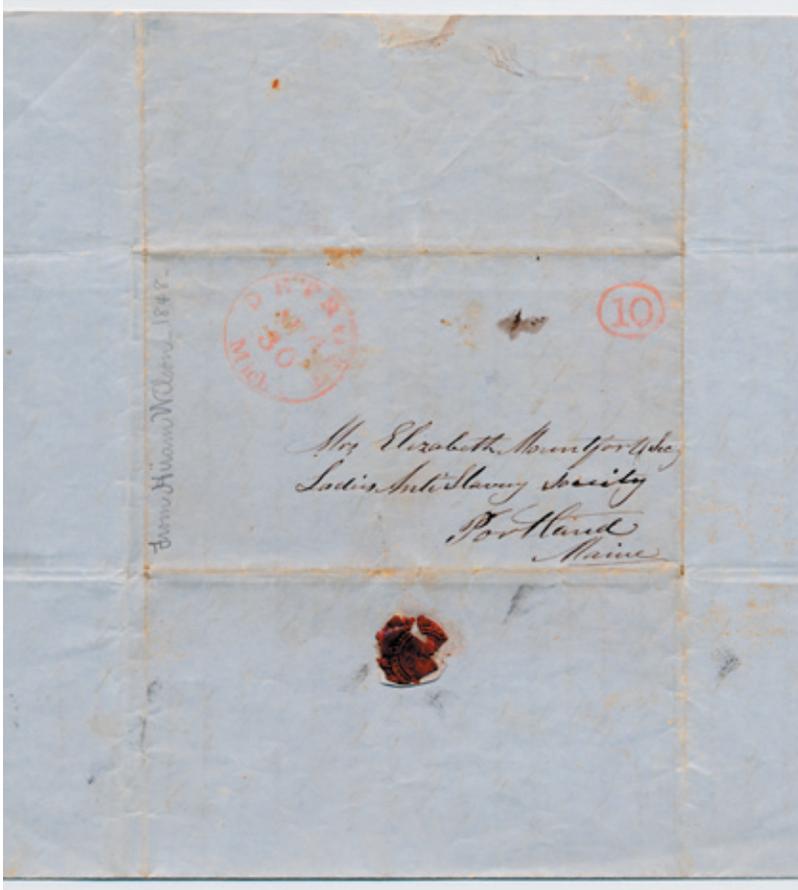
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