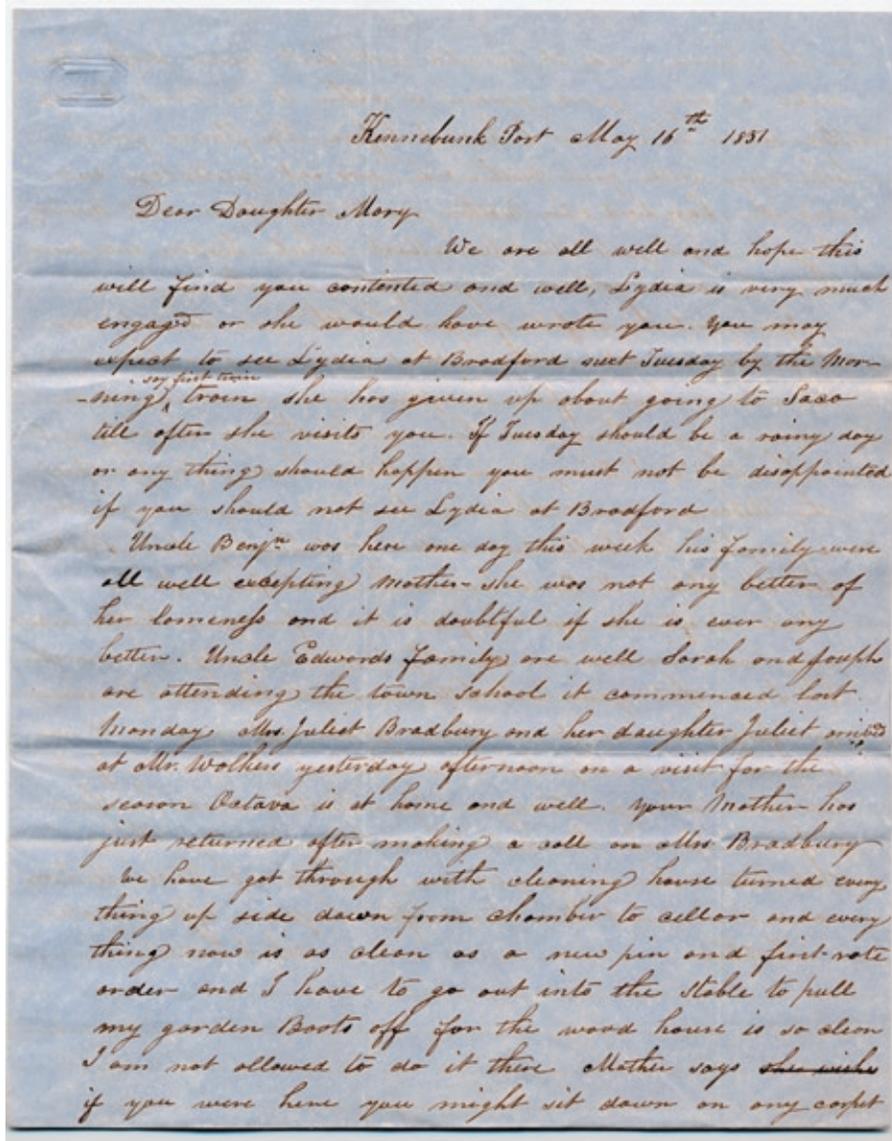


Kennebunk Port May 16th 1851



Dear Daughter Mary

We are all well and hope this will find you contented and well, Lydia is very much engaged or she would have wrote you. You may expect to see Lydia at Bradford next Tuesday by the morning 8 am first train

-ning ^ train She has given up about going to Saco till after she visits you. If Tuesday should be a rainy day or anything should happen you must you must not be disappointed if you should not see Lydia at Bradford

Uncle Benjⁿ was here one day this week his family were all well excepting mother- She was not any better of her lameness and it is doubtful if she is ever any better. Uncle Edwards family are well Sarah and Joseph are attending the town school it commenced last Monday. Mrs. Juliet Bradbury and her daughter Juliet arrived at Mr. Walkers yesterday afternoon on a visit for the season Octavia is at home and well. Your mother has just returned after making a call on Mrs. Bradbury

We have got through with cleaning have turned every thing up side down from chamber to cellar and every thing now is as clean as a new pin and first-rate order and I have to go out into the stable to pull my garden Boots off for the wood house is so clean I am not allowed to do it there Mother says she wishes if you were here you might sit down on any carpet

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Date: May 16, 1851

Description: Letter from Actor Patterson to his daughter, Mary, with another letter from Lydia (Mary's sister) included.

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three hundred dollars per year of ten months

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them and have a fire in your room morning and
evening we have not been without [^] every evening yet

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but I saw that your last letter was not headed I presume
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to your own family but it would not look well if it
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