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Description: Letter from John Davison to Eliza Ann Davison.

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My Dear Wife

In concequence of our being at Hallowell and of my inebility sooner to go to Augusta I have but just received your letter, to Answer which, I have stolen a few moments as we are on the point of sailing.

I am much disappointed in you journy to Milford. you left Augusta I think about ten oclock George writes that you have arrived at Belfast about six, left at four arrived at Bangor about nine left at eleven got to Milford about two oclock. Which makes the whole time of your journey from Augusta to Milford about sixteen hours. I am astonished at such driving! I dont wonder that you are fatigued and that ppor bob was fretfull I wonder that you are alive I suppose that you would as much as call at you uncle Washburns.

I have fancyed that it would be so lonesome at Capt Springers that I have not been then since you and our little C.H. left but have confined myself to the solitude of the vessil. I cannot tell you how much I want to see our darling boy, to witness his infantile hilerity, and to hear him scold and laugh. – Dear Child; may God bless him – I never knew before what it was to feel responsibility; all that he is to be is now at Stake, his youth manhood and eternity all. all hang upon the present. His mind though young is receiving impressions from whatever it comes in contact with and on those first impressions being the future destiny of our child

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wisdom therefore would dictate that he should not be allowed to come become farmilier with whatever would have a tendency to give a wrong direction. I would that he might never know the corrupting influences of sin. Fancy to yourself the kind of being you would have your son to be, and direct his education accordingly, let him be instructed in such a manor as that it may grow with his growth, and strengthen with his strength; and in such principles as you would meet him with at the ben [?] of god.

And O! May our child be trained for Heaven! and may God help us all so to live that in that last great day we may all be there

George I suppose has left for Brunswick by this time if he not tell him that I should be pleased to have him go to Boston with us any time that he will [?] I thought that Olive would be disappointed in the dimentions of our little bob. She must take good care of him give her my best respects tell her I love her, if I could send her a kis I would but must keep it till I see her, I shall not soon forget her, tell to be a good girl. May God bless her.

Write so that I may receive it in about 3 or 4 weeks, I will send you a paper from Boston . Remember me to my Dear son kiss him often for me

I cannot write any more now
Affectionately your Husband
John Davison



[postmark] Hallowell June [?] Me

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Miss Eliza Ann Davison Milford ME

[written sideways on right side] Hallowell June 1st. 1842