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Description: John Dillingham letter from New York

New-York 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 1839

Dear Margaret

I seat myself to answer your letter  
am  
with pleasure I<sup>am</sup> very glad to hear that all the  
Freeport lads & lasses are growing good but for  
myself I have but little hopes for I have had  
a great many good books to read this voyage  
I dont see as I am any better than I was before  
but however as long as there is life there is hope

I have had <sup>a</sup> very pleasant voyage this time I know  
of but one that would have made any more  
pleasant and I suppose she had rather be  
than

in Freeport <sup>^</sup> to be at sea and I think I should  
to. Miss M do not harbour the thought that  
I will ever forget the girl that I have spent  
so many pleasant hours together let Jerome  
forget Mary Ann and Mary Ann her Mother  
but John G will not forget Margaret wether  
in New-York or Freeport

When I wrote to you from Bangor - I was not  
certain whether I should be able to come to Freeport  
or not - I cannot tell yet - till I hear from  
Capt Chandler - I shall probably know soon  
I think it quite likely I shall come home  
if I do not stop long - If I should not do not  
think that I mean to stay away till old engagements  
are out-lawed for - I should be very sorry to have  
it broke - However I must trust luck hoping  
that all will be well ere long when neither of  
us will have any doubts as to the sincerity  
of each other

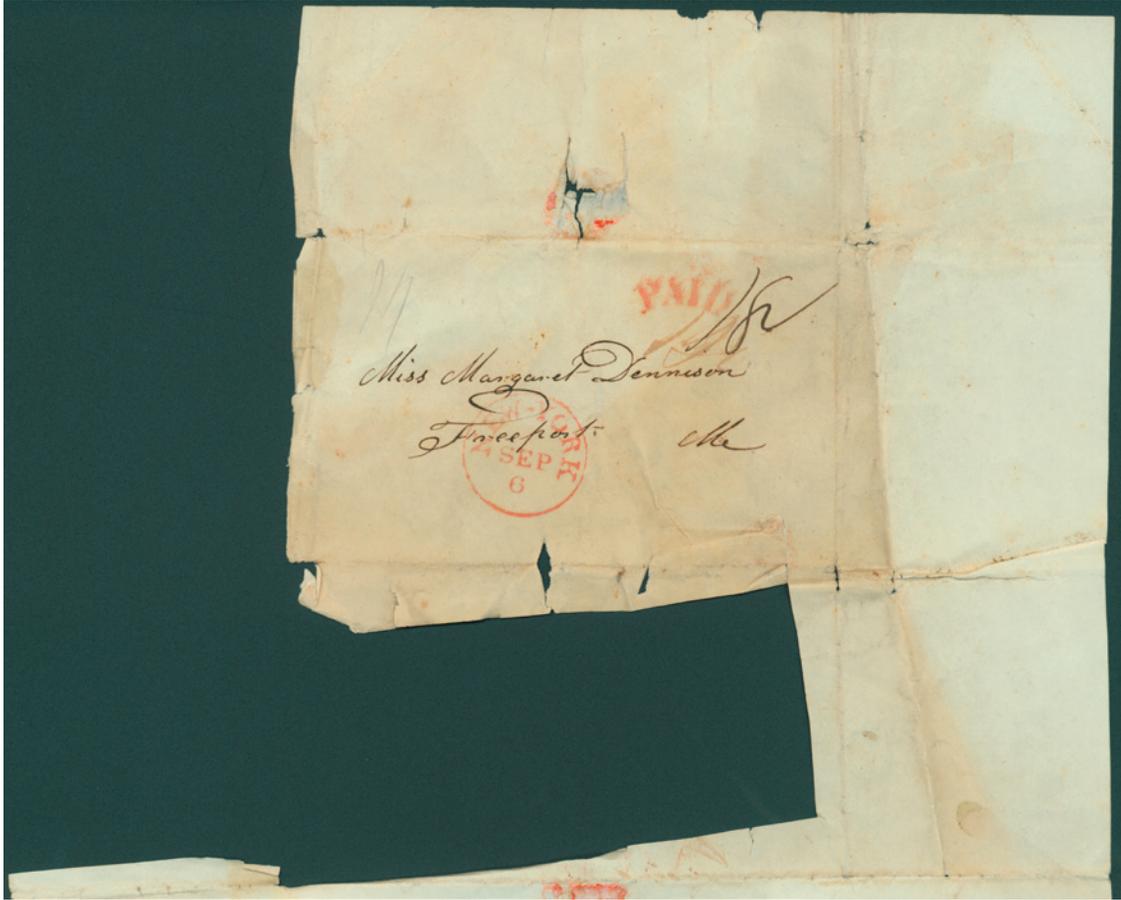
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Miss Margaret Dennison  
Freeport ME

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