

Hillsborough

Oct 2<sup>d</sup> 1835

My Dear George

I suppose you have been expecting to hear from me for several weeks I have regretted the delay but thought it best to await an answer from Cilley which came in todays Mail and as that is a matter of the most interest I will first give an extract from his letter as you will perceive that I am authorized to do - He says - "You allude to the difficulty which took place between Geo W. P & myself I have no wish to retain the hardness I once felt on the contrary I have much to induce me to be on good terms with him again. His brother Hon Josiah Pierce is truly my friend. He informed me last Winter that George wished "bye gones to be by gones" in relation to me - I am willing but must first have an interview with him - I agree with you that it might be much to our mutual advantage to be on civil and respectful terms and nothing on my part shall prevent it - If you have occasion

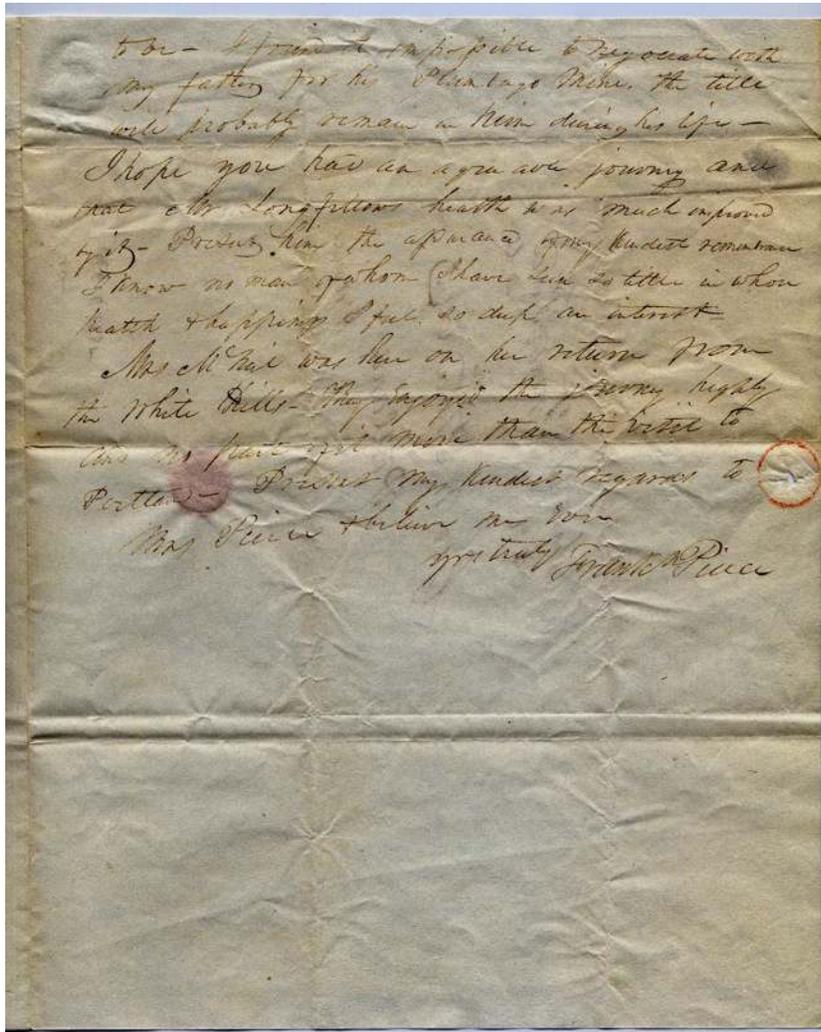
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Description: Franklin Pierce on Jonathan Cilley

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me exceedingly" If you write me upon the  
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to be - I found it impossible to negotiate with my father for his Plumbago Mine. The title will probably remain in [?] during his life - I hope you have an agreeable journey and that Mr Longfellow's health was improved by it - Present him the assurance of my kindest remembrance I know no man of whom I have seen so little in whose health & happiness I feel so deep an interest -

Mrs McNeil was here on her return from the White Hills - They enjoyed the journey highly and no part of it more than the visit to Portland - Present my kindest regards to Mrs Pierce & believe me ever

yrs truly

Frank<sup>n</sup> Pierce