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My Dear Boston Saturday night Feby 19th 1816

This day I Received the letter which Hannah wrote to me on the 13th Inst. I am exceeding sorry to hear of the alarming indisposition of Mama Thompson I am very sensible my Dear that it must be not only difficult but very distressing to you, to have her so sick and have me absent. I most sincerely wish that I could be with you - that I might lighten your cares, and sympathize with you in your troubles, if I had known when I left you that I must have stayed here so long as I have done now - I am confident that I should not have left home - but every day I think that I cannot say one day longer but when I reflect on the time & money which have spent in this contest, it seems that it would be imprudent to abandon it now and thereby be seem to loose all that I have spent, in defending my Rights. My Dear I have not words imphatical enough to express the anxiety which I feel on your account when I imagin that you are alone, that is you have not any Body with you - which could share you troubles, and Sympathize with you in your afflictions as I could, I endeavour to paint to my self the distress which you must be in if your Mother should be taken away in my absence, O my Dear I am sensible that you would want that bosom which is always open to you not only to share your Joys but also to participate in your greifs, but I will hope for the best, though I fear that there is not much solid grounds to hope, My Dear I hope and trust that you will do every thing that is in your Power to render the life of your Parent as comfortable as [blot] circumstances will admit, while she lives, and if it should please the Supreme disposer of all thing to take her away before I can get home, I would trust that you with the assistance of Josiah will give her a decent burial I would inform you that I am in as good health as I could expect to be under so much perplexity & anxiety as I am exercised with. Please to give my love and tender affection to all the children - and to the little boy in particular. I am my Dear though in sorrow for your trouble & distress your most sincere and affectionate Mrs Phebe Pierce Baldwin / Husband - - Josiah Pierce

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