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My Dear Brother,

Your letter has just reached me, and I hasten to acknowledge its reception and to respond, to <sup>your kind wishes</sup> and express mine upon the happiness and prosperity of you and yours, I rejoice to hear that your Wife and Nancy are convalescent, that your Sons are so prosperous, and so honoured and respected, give my love and best wishes to them all, I regret to learn that you are suffering so much from your eyes, I find the best remedy for mine, is to expose them as little as possible to the cold winds, and to use them but little in the evening. I keep very close quarters, this winter, and find it make me very comfortable, my kind tenants are prompt to supply all my wants, and I think I have great cause for gratitude that I am in my own dear home, which has sheltered me for more than three score years, and though almost shut out from social enjoyment, which is very congenial, to my feelings, yet I am happy and contented, and when I do receive a visit from my friends I enjoy it very much. I was made

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Description: Hannah Pierce on gratitude to brother

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pleasant friends Cap. Curtis and Wife, who  
informed me that your wife and Nancy were better.  
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meet the heavy tax on my factory shares, as you  
and Mr C conclude to pay yours, I suppose it  
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leave it to your discretion, feeling that you my  
dear Brother, ever have and ever will, do what is best  
for the Sister, who is so dependent on you, Mr C  
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which I wish you would appropriate, to paying  
said tax, and take of the money, which is in your  
hands, to cancel the rest as it may as well be all  
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with you, which if you would like, I should be  
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