

Hand c. sent B. D. for
Baldwin, Jan 4th 1857.

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Description: Hannah Pierce to brother about loan

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And now with kind wishes, and
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