

Bridgton May 22nd 1813.
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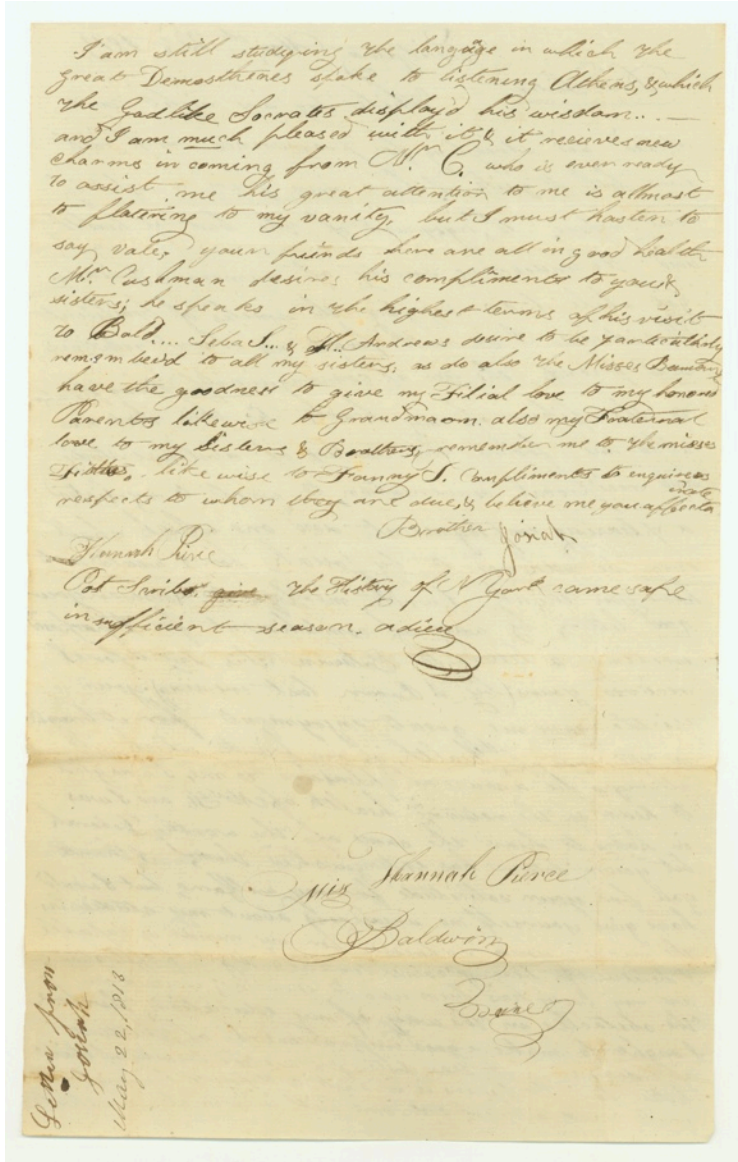
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 great Demosthenes spoke to listening Athens, & which
 the Godlike Socrates display'd his wisdom . . ---
 and I am much pleased with it & it recieves new
 charms in coming from M^r C. who is ever ready
 to assist me his great attention to me is allmost
 to flatering to my vanity, but I must hasten to
 say, vale, your friends here are all in good health
 M^r Cushman desires his compliments to you &
 sisters; he speaks in the highest terms of his visit
 to Bald.... Seba S. & [?] Andrews desire to be particularly
 remembered to all my sisters: as do also the Misses Beaman[?]
 have the goodness to give my Filial love to my honored
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respects to whom they are due, & believe me your affect^a

Brother Josiah

Hannah Pierce
 Post Scribe give the History of N York came safe
 in sufficient season, adieu