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Description: Nancy Freeman to brother at Bowdoin

Limerick Oct 26th 1822

Dear George,

I have not written a word to you this last term you have been at College & now it is almost to a close. If you scold me a little I shall not blame you. I have written very little for three months past, my health has been poor, but it is now pretty good. We have quite a nice little family now, six in number, Sister Charlotte F. is with us. Sister Harriot has been here about two weeks. It was matter of great joy to me that she was able to visit us. I hope she is getting better slowly, & will eventually recover the perfect strength of her limb, but we cannot expect that very soon. Brother Daniel boards with us & attends the Academy. Nancy Noble still lives with

^ us. We are on the whole a tolerably pleasant, peacable, happy, little family. I could tell you a good deal about our affairs, harvesting our apples, & garden, & how Mr Freeman takes kind care of Jack & Luna (our horse & cow) the employ ments of my department &c &c. but fear it would make too long & tedious a story, beside I wish to have room for C & H to write something for you. Please to give my respects to Mr Shipley & Deane & Mc Donald, if you think best. We hope to see you at your next vacation, & hope to find you much improved in your manners, book knowledge, moral principles, but that which would rejoice our hearts most, would be to find you a Christian because without this character we know you cannot be very happy in this world & must certainly be miserable in eternity. George, think of the goodness of God, the love of our Saviour, the beauty of a holy heart & a pious, useful life & become a christian —Mr. F. is in the study but I send you his love with mine & assure you I continue as I used to be, your Affectionate Sister Nancy P. Freeman.

Porther George - I will endeavour to contribute my part in making out a long letter for you. We are all talking about inting Hamit a Charlotte a Daniel say they like to receive teters, but. Daniel says he sais not like to write, I so you will excess him if you think it right to do so . I we will excuse you if you do not write, if we thinked it just that you should be excused. Correspond once promotis affection. Priendship languishes a dies without I. About dijects are soon forgotten without bornething to bring them to recollection. you must not lest forget you I we do not wish you to forget us. Some moments should be sained to friends even in the lipe of the diligent supplan. I presume you do not find in College the award notions which prevailed among scholars of great idleness & little respectability, when I was in College I refer to the sentiments that dose students had no genius. Many were respon esteemed by such scholars, just in proportion to their idleness & poor Ischolarship. I college is a place of temptation, while it apports opportunity for the altivation of good mental of moral habits. The worst tempta tion is that of society that is interesting a permiable , but not strictly moral of religious. This more than any thing would powent you from requiring a character strictly moral & religious We see & dispise of avoid the view of those who game a drink & swear & pursue the pleasures of a dissipated lige, Let us such for happiness in roligion . Let us cultivate the vicity of The truly pious: 9 let us prepare for the holy a exalled society of heaven freeman. Dear hother, Will a few lines from Hamist- be a ceeplably Sear bother, Will a few lines from Homest be acceptably after reading a few bests of Limerick with holder and sinter Freman I am needs pleased with their rituation It is about four weeks nince I left Bridgeton, buy link is about pour weeks nince I left Bridgeton when I man give, but wort well. When I left home our family were all in totable beatth- garage I had hoped tre This, to have received a lefter from you, do write wor if consistent. I will write you a long their did it not faligue me to nit up and write their did not palighe me to nit up and write their did not printed the nit up and write their did not printed the most printed them and writer themself printed the most printed themself printed the most printed themself printed the most printed the most printed themself printed the most printed themself themself themself printed the most printed themself the Brother George – I will endeavour to contribute my part in making out a long letter for you. We are all talking about writing Harriot & Charlotte & Daniel say they like to recieve letters, but Daniel says he does not like to write & so you will excuse him if you think it right to do so. & we will excuse you if you do not write, if we think it just that you should be excused. Correspond ence promotes affection. Friendship languishes & dies without it. Absent objects are soon forgotten, without something to bring them

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to recollection. You must not let ^ forget you, & we do not wish you to forget us. Some moments should be sacred to friends even in the life of the diligent scholar. I presume you do not find in College the absurd notions which prevailed among scholars of great idleness & little respectability, when I was in College. I refer to the sentiments that close students had no genius. Many were respe esteemed by rich scholars, just in proportion to their idleness & poor scholarship. A college is a place of temptation, while it affords opportunity for the cultivation of good mental & moral habits. The worst temptation is that of society that is interesting & amiable, but not strictly moral & religious. This more than any thing would prevent you from acquiring a character strictly moral & religious We see & despise & avoid the vices of those who game & drink & swear & pursue the pleasures of a dissipated life. Let us seek for happiness in religion. Let us cultivate the society of the truly pious: & let us prepare for the holy & exalted society of heaven. Yours affectionately Charles Freeman Dear Brother, Will a few lines from Harriot be acceptable after reading almost two pages? I am now residing a few weeks at Limerick with brother and sister Freeman I am much pleased with their situation, -It - is about four weeks since I left Bridgeton; my limb is at present more comfortable than when I saw you, but not well; When left home our family were all in tolerable health – George I had hoped ere this, to have received a letter from you, do write soon if convietent I would write you a long letter, did it not fatigue me to sit-up and write – Believe me to be your ever affectionate

friend and sister Harriot Pierce

nancy a Harriet wish me to add comething to your letter , . say I must with one live if we more but I have nothing to very , i if I had, I could not very well with for they are M telling so busily I event collect my own thought - I have have unjung David to with, but he does not seen at M inclined to write letters to any one a therefore he does not deserve to mein lotters then I have been here about a fortrught, a expect to day " wet or her longer lines I should now my whom out f was very much pleased to me your notes Herend here - he offices to be pretty will, a chariful -I think will not be the wover, for her mile - the thirts of neturning home next much me shell very much - - How do you like you need ministrache Mead? I som his pregnetty A Postland a sa guit pleased with him - his preveting, sen very plain (with two much is, for some people) har interesting generally . I thought - How are the Brund people plead with him! It is nother late a I must beil you you night I don't have but I have done mong george, in witing to you, expeciely such a weart about nothing - but you

Dear George,

Nancy & Harriot wish me to add something to your letter & say I must write one line, if no more, but I have nothing to say, & if I had, I could not very well write, for they are all talking so busily, I cannot collect my own thoughts — I have been urging Daniel to write, but he does not seem at all inclined to write letters to any one& therefore he does not deserve to receive letters them—

I have been here about a fortnight, & expect to stay a week or two longer, (inless I should wear my welcome out) was very much pleased to see your sister Harriot here – she appears to be pretty well, & cheerful-I think will not be the worse for her ride — she thinks of returning home next week shall [blot] very much — How do you like your new minister – Mr Mead? I saw him frequently at Portland & was quite pleased with him – his preaching was very plain (rather too much so, for some people) but interesting generally. I thought — How are the Brunswick people pleased with him? —

It is rather late & I must bid you good night I don't know but I have done wrong, George, in writing
to you, especially such a scrawl about nothing – but you
must forgive me, a believe me to be your friend
Charlotte F

We have this evening heard of the death of Caroline Dana of Fryeburg —