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## Bowdoin College April 25.

When I received your letter I was moving out of my old room in college to one in the house of the late Mrs Andrews. You will wonder at this because you know my college room was the best in the whole building, and I vaunted myself on the good fortune that gave it to us. But after all it was not that "silentium ae solitudinem" which Quintillian recommends for study, a noisy and disagreeable set in the adjacent rooms, and a nervous and irritable proctor beneath me, were the good reasons enough for quitting it. The room we now occupy is one after my own heart, 'tis the sitting room of a neat little one story house beautifully situated, with a most tasteful front yard, filled with fine shrubbery and flowers, all the back door appertenances are exquisitely convenient. Wheter I shall actually study enough more to come to the additional expense I cant say, but the comfort will far exceed it, for here each has a pleasant bedroom in in which he can scratch his head and rub up his forehead without any one to disturb or make him afraid.

I feel heartily thankful for the convalescence of our dear Father I cannot bring myself to think with the least complacency upon his beinf taken away from us, though my situation in life was detirmined, still what should I do without some one like him, on whose kindness and sincerity I could always rely and on whom

my heart could as pout its atmest offictions. File the time must What a wonderful favence season we have, and as I am tituated. I enjoy it quite so much as I thould at home for we are making a little gasace for our ansessment, aim how this are advantage over the other students in this, that we can walk with the fields and books then yeeosawe days without our marties knowing any thing of the matter, I have fixed me of a time of aston in the give back afus and them much time there in making and thinking - I have just taken up a new and interesting book, is Prior's Life of Bush, and or for or ? have gone, it suits me much better than Bigsels, the latter is too prossing and insprimate; but this late one is in a modern lively styles, and the outhour seems to be a worm variety of his tulicet. The towns folks are much feesed with the care of twing a partonep. and I am howhere with a thousand tilly questions should her looks and chatooler, ale of which I and are exactly or I should, siz, in a marrie most faromable to the lasy. Mr Exham has been absent a forthinight on a courtery expicition, but it has done as no you but wither heat, for the President has up recite and he gives as longer and laider lysons Gen term emfortunately does not close tier two days of the tho celebration of highway which will prevent my being there, Motor wice come home with me and of ena a week of the racation the cest part of it he will take reprine travelling though The lower counties of this Hate. Logow intend to visit Boston or you cafe etid to hear Welviers taking in Jum of to I share

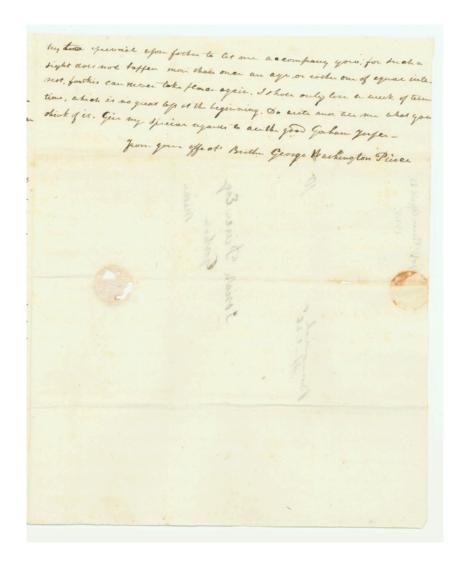
my heart could expand its utmost affections. Still the time must & will come —

What a wounderful [?] season we have, and as I am situated. I enjoy it quite as much as I should at home for we are making a little garden for our amusement, and have this an advantage over the other students in this, that we can walk into the fields and woods these pleasant days without our masters knowing any thing of the matter, I have fixen me up a kind of arbour in the grove back of us, and spend much time there in reading and thinking — I have just taken up a new and interesting book, tis Prior's Life of Burke, and as far as I have gone, it suits me much better than Bisset's, the latter is too probing and inanimate; but this late one, is in a modern lively style, and the author seems to be a warm admirer of his subject.

The towns folks are much pleased with the idea of having a parsoness,

and I am troubled with a thousand silly questions about her looks and chaacter, all of which I answer exactly as I should, viz. in a manner most favourable to the lady. Mr Upham has been absent a fortenight on a courting expidition, but it has done us no good but rather hurt, for the President hears us recite and he gives us longer and harder lessons.

Our term unfortunately does not close till two days of the celebration at Fryeburg which will prevent my being there, Mason will come home with me and spend a week of the vacation the next part of it he will take up in travelling though the lower counties of this state. Do you intend to visit Boston or you expected to hear Webster's address in June, if so I shall



try to prevail upon father to let me accompany you; for such a sight does not happen more than once an age, or rather one of equal interest, for this can never take place again. I shall only lose a week of term time, which is no great loss at the beginning. Do write and tell me what you think of it. Give my special regards to all the good Gorham people—

From your affect' Brother George Washington Pierce