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Description: George Pierce on visit to Woburn, Mass.

My dear Parents,

The evening after I left you, I rode into Portland and the next morning took the accommodation Stage to Portsmouth. We had Capt. Clap and son for passengers, and I have to acknowledge much politeness from the hands of the former. The old Gentle man paid me the most flattering compliments upon the part I had sustained in the late political context, and was so kind as to predict that I should meet with great success in whatever course of life I should choose to persue. He insisted upon introducing me to his son in law, the ex Governour Woodbury, and re commended me to his particular notice. The Capt. called on me the next day after my arrival at Portsmouth and invited me to spend the evening at the Woodbury's. There I met Mr Olney and wife, and Gov. Woodbury & his lady, all of whom spend the ensuing winter at Washington. Through Capt. Clap's? recommendation for he was pleased to say many flattering things of my family and myself. I received from the ladies and their husbands the most polite attention, and many promises of future politeness at Washington. I notice this, that when you meet Capt Clapp the next time, you may return him your thanks, which I know you will be very glad to do, on account of the kind notice he took of me, as well as for the valuable acquaintance he has furnished me, in introducing me to his family. Mr Olney and Wife came on to Boston with me, and I found them most pleasant company. As we did not arrive in the city till late on Saturday evening, I spent the Sabbath day in their company at the Hotel, and saw them start on Monday morning in the Providence Stage.

I must not forget to tell you how kindly too, the Masons treated me while at Portsmouth. Indeed my dear Parents you would love this family if you could only witness how cordially they always recieve and, and how much they talk like you to me on the subject of my present expedition. Mr Mason's opinion of the West may all be gathered from one

of those sum and righted remarks with which his commedation at all time! in fall. " It, taid he, goo, expect to time a century, you will half the last fifty grant of gene life pleasantly energh west of the alleganist, bat heaven preserve you from the first lifty of it. are of them declared I should come back in the Spring and Hay with them a fortright to the what I be I may have being and heard in my travels. Sparted from them with regat, and at bugut away brould not helf asking mufelf the question - a gestion which called lead into may cost where Shale I find buch friends at that? I saw indebted to then for lunar letters of introduction. I found the Baldwinds George and found will - they booledge in lookidge, is at fames, with his load. They ale desin to be your very much, and uguind be you with the quality offection. Launie is seen at harfolk beginin the was married last heary to a this Backford of Charlestown , a ashertable mison ludy of considocable property. Custaday Geo. As ald win and sunfelf rode out to Woburn. Listed the form once yours , and when you was born and fafred the first years of your life, with may take lively intent. Asthing umains of the du family heat lace the cellar, and this is fast filling of with buther and herlage. I saw on figuroard names very familiar to very cart, from having heard you mention them often in your cover butins. They thered we are old also there before It home of bot Boldin which they told me not planted by your hand, and a quat menter of philosophical a Strament which belonged to your priend, and many of which you have doubtly knudted, all then things filed we with touder accellections, and I felt has different were the circumstances under which fleft my nature place from those that attended your defeature from mobium. I hope my felings Lostock of that qualitude which thould fix the hearts of children who are blefer with kind haunts -

of those secere and original remarks with which his conversation at all times in full. "Oh, Said he, you, expect to live a century, you will pass the last fifty years of your life pleasantly enough west of the Alleganies, but heaven preserve you from the first fifty of it". All of them declared I should come back in the Spring and stay with them a fortnight to tell what I may have seen and heard in my travels. I parted from them with regrets, and as I went away I could not help asking myself the question — a question which called tears into my eyes — where shall I find such friends as these? I am indebted to them for several letters of introduction.

I found the Baldwins, George and James well — Mrs Cooledge or Coolridge, is at Janes, with her sons. They all desire to see you very much, and enquired for you with the greatest affection. Loammie is now at Norfolk Virginia. He married last May to a Mrs Beckford of Charlestown, a respectable widow lady of considerable property.

Yesterday Geo. Baldwin and myself rode out to Woburn. I visited the farm once yours, and where you were born and passed the first years of your life, with very [crossed out] lively interest. Nothing remains of the old family seat save the cellar, and this is fast filling up with bushes and herbage. I saw on sign board names very familiar to my ears, from having heard you mention them often in your conversations. They showed me an old elm tree before the house of Col. Baldwin which they told me was planted by your hand, and a great number of philosophical instruments which belonged to your friend, and many of which you have doubtless handled. All these things filled me with tender recollections, and I felt how different were the circumstances under which I left my native place, from those that attended your departure from Woburn. I hope my feelings partook of that gratitude which should fill the hearts of children who are blessed with kind parents —

I ales includ the home where bacut Runfard was bour . It has been altered but you can jurge petry well how it well have worked lifty years ago, and less B. is going to take a sketch fet, and have it engrand in lithographic The Baldwinds have kindly furnished we with all Mundows letters to the father and I have there were at my boarding bout to copy. Some contains fait of a very intensting character anknown to me before, but which would quite exceed the limits of very letter of I should attende to a toil them to gen. at Woben I saw a daughter of Mothers aunt Bridget Frow. This ord aunt is till alive but deaf blind, and every Her rangetie's name Thelien in forces. My inquieries at famely the house and lum of bount Remonst batter, and on which the new lies led has to hispert I was going to claim hiership to the property; and her distrely at the thought was very amusing. I ratisfied her that enricity was my the austice. I thate write you again from Newlyork or Pheliadel. thin I Shale lear where next monday. I am gones with ale fofulle affection George fin my low to the girls.

I also visited the house where Count Rumford was born. It had been altered, but you can judge pretty well how it must have looked fifty years ago, and Geo. B. is going to take a sketch of it, and have it engraved in lithographic.

The Baldwins have kindly furnished me with all Rumfords letters to their father, and I have them here at my boarding house to copy. Some centocius facts of a very interesting character unknown to me before, but which would quite exceed the limits of my letter if I should attempt to detail them to you.

At Woburn I saw a daughter of Mothers aunt Bridget Snow. This old aunt is still alive, but deaf, blind and [page torn] Her daughter's name I believe is Jones. My inquiries [?] family the house and farm of Count Rumford's father, and on which she now lives, led her to suspect I was going to claim heirship to the property; and her distress at the thought was very amusing. I satisfied her that curiosity was my sole motive.

I shall write you again from New York or Pheliadelphia. I shall leave here next Monday.

I am yours with all possible affection George Give my love to the girls.