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Sunday Bangor. Sep. 2. 1849

Dear wife

I thot you might like to hear from me - altho a short time has elapsed since I left you yet to me it seems an age as I have been somewhat homesick since I left as young folks you know are apt to be. —

I have been pretty well since I left home + hope the blessing of health may be continued to me. – The cholera (which perhaps you know)

has broken out in this city. The first case was last Wednesday, which proved fatal, since which there have probably been 20 or 30 [?] deaths It has proved much more fatal here than either at Boston or New York in proportion to the no. of Inhabitants, Persons attacked frequently do not live more than 5 or 6 hours. - - -3 of the deck hands of the Steamer Kennebec which arrived here yesterday from Boston were taken this morning about 5 oclock – and before 2 oclock P.M. were all dead and buried I afsure you it has been a gloomy day here. 15 new cases + 9 deaths. I attended Mr. Hedges Church this forenon, [sic] who preach a funeral sermon on the death of Mr Abbot James Mayor of this city. He did not die of Cholera.

I wone to them we deally this afternoon on afe of the Cholere. Then have been trong many cure in the start where my Office If the Cholon Should enciente I thent I Thate go to Portland altho I vafifion if I should have I should love try Saturden don't let this alaum you for I ame very were now and arm very complete of my dich - I have that more of home the last week than we before - I have that much about deen . Franks going away & fell as if I would not let him go, it would be so long befor Veouce In hom bus I suppose I've will be much for his you can - I will soute you again Tomorrow in hot day - a win you Send by leap Roger an Umbulen as I forget to take one - I wish it was to that I could leave Bays for the present but don't be to anywar all me + perhaps I ought not to have written in Ihave, give my low to all the clear Christen + are frends your aff Hur S. Gelinning

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I went to Hear Mr Malby [?] this afternoon A Lord [?] is apprentice for Wednesday next. on a/e of the Cholera. There have been may many cases in the street where my office is. It being the location of many Irish – If the Cholera should increase I think I shall go to Portland altho I suppose if I should leave I should lose my situation dont let this alarm you. For I am very well now and am very carefull [sic] of my diet – I have thot more of home the last week than ever before - - I have thot much about dear Franks going away + feel as if I could not let him go, it would be so long before I could see him but I suppose it will be be much for his interest – write me by return Boat if you can – I will write you again tomorrow or next day - will you send by Cap Rogers and Umbrella as I forgot to take one – I wish it was so that I could have Bangor for the present but dont be to [sic] anxious abt me + perhaps I ought not to have written as I have give my love to all the dear children + all friends your aff – Hus. S. Gilman



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