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New York, Oct. 16th 1837
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the old farm in Georgetown where I used to live,
& awoke up, without finding you. — This you see is
"such stuff as dreams are made of." —
But in truth I feel your absence
more & more & I think we ought not to live apart
any longer. Still I can not urge your coming here, when
I am so destitute, as you fairly know. & it would be
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Description: K.B. Sewall to wife on separation

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Thurstons & I shall take it up to night - I am much
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the 13. - He has another daughter about 2 weeks old
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care of having your self warmly dressed, especially
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If I can come on & see you, & must then leave
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Mrs. Ticknor has returned I saw them on Sunday — I shall write again in a few days. — I am not yet strong in my chest — a sea voyage would do me much good. Give my regards to your father, Mother, sister & baby & kiss for me believe me as ever your Affectionate
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