



Hallowell May 26, 1837

Dear Brother:-

I am under many, and the deepest obligations to you for the many kindnesses I have received at your hands since you have been in your present business. I wish you to receive my particular thanks for the black coat sent a week or two since which I have got repaired and now have on, and which was fair to me a prince service. I have got my new coat made up by your old Master Felker and those who have seen it say the fellow has got a good fit on to me. He also cut out my pants and vest which I have sent home to have made up. I am delighted with the stock you sent me - both with the quality and the price. I should not ask the extension of credit could I get the Dr. to look over my account and see how I stand. But he is offish about it, and says he will let me have any money that I want, but "can't stop to look over now" I want to know how I stand before I go to making heavy draught upon him.

Father was down Monday, and you will enquire with eagerness, "what said father?" Although he talked and said a good deal, still such is the general character of conversation among friends, that it is impossible to commit any general ideas of it to paper. "The hard times" are now-a-days always the first thing to be hit upon, and so we ~~talked~~ talked of the hard times - of the better currency - of the suspension of specie payments, & c, & c.

We have received orders at this P.O. from the General P.O. to collect all of our postage in specie. The Dr. is endeavoring to hatch up a plan by which he can get along without seriously troubling our business men.

You will ask of all this which has thrown the community into such excitement, will not bring people to their senses - that it will not make them see and feel that they have been supporting an administration which had taken their lifes blood, as it

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