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Date: June 14, 1843

Description: Letter from Lydia Patterson to her mother via Capt. Acter P. Patterson.

Portland June –14-1843

Dear Mother

You will be surprised to recieve another letter from me so soon, but, having learnt that the expenses will be more than you expected I thought I had better write. The tuition is 7 dollars a quarter as Mrs. Wells wrote but 14 for the term of 22 weeks. I asked Mrs W this morning what she would board Mary for. She said she would think of it, and told me at noon she never had, made any difference but would take her for 11 shillings per week which would be two and sixpence less than mine, I then asked her what mine was a week. she told me 2 dollars and a quarter, the quarter for the washing she puts out. I enquired how far the Methodist church was from Park –street. she did not know but thought about a mile and to far to walk every sabbath, and said she hired 2 pews in the congregationalist church and would let me have a seat the time I stay for 1 dollar and Mary for 75 cts. She keeps a cow and said Mary could have milk every day without extra charge. The board is as good or better than might be expected with one exception we have no coffee. Tea and cold water in the morning at noon water tea at night. I do not miss it much as my mind has ben so much at home to allow me to be hungry since I have been here until dinner time today and that

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July I am very well only very homoricle at lines. I was middlen in saying any room was on the third floor it is on the friends . I wheel that if Mary and I would some above if she were . She would make some and - generals but did not know. I have such been into school because blue has not fen room. This afternoon folding door has been opined and ? shall forbably go in tomorrow . An Il think I had better allend to mental Whilesofiley , English history, and Algebraio Botong . Isawing & dollars who I can attend to verited work if I stay if you wish it this It which me the morning it she countriesed paying in advance who would have been glad to have is dollars. I went into several shope yesterday but found no bounds to suits me . intend to go again this wish . hought a hair bush snite and arms, Thedress am some fearful that its will not such . Called at her Brooks Intin hast gone to Gardiner der a gome out. I would not object to walking a suite to inceting but its would be some him before I would find the way alow. There will be a meation at the close of the H weeks, with me about taking my know home , or if you can think of any seems send for me or tell faller to some after me before that time. For Lan afraid I shall not learn half the worth of the money. Do write to ane as soone as possible, and if I must stay perspare many to come with me. Are has just been in to speak about my lourds, the very handly takes are interest in her schollers purchases. Two of my room makes are very agreeable comparisons, but my had made is not remarkably so The is from Ranger not Augusta as I said before. I of the young ladies are from Charlestone & 6 and have been here about I years his has but I servants, the boy is a nepher . The has I sisters at home one daughter and our adopted daughter rister to the boy. I do not

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in saying my room was on the third floor it is on the fourth. I asked what if Mary and I could room alone if she came. She would make some arangement but did not know. I have not been into school because there has not been room. This afternoon folding doors has been opened and I shall probably go in tomorrow. Mrs. W thinks I had better attend to mental philosophy, English history, and Algebra & Botany. Drawing 3 dollars extra I can attend to worsted work if I stay if you wish it Mrs W asked me this morning if she mentioned paying in advance she would have been glad to have 15 dollars. I went into several shops yesterday but found no bonnet to suit me. intend to go again this week, bought a hairbrush suit and Aunt, S,s dress am some fearful that it will not suit. Called at Mr Brooks Julia had gone to Gardiner Mrs B gone out. I would not object to walking a mile to meeting but it would be some time before I find the way alone. There will be a

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vacation at the close of the ^ 11 weeks, write me about taking my trunk home, or if can think of any excuse send for me or tell father to come after me before that time. For I am afraid I shall not learn half the worth of the money. Do write to me as soon as possible, and if I must stay prepare mary to come with me.

Mrs. has just been in to speak about my bonnet., she very kindly takes an interest in her scholars purchases. Two of my room mates are very agreeable companions, but my bed mate is not remarkablly so. She is from Bangor not, Augusta as I said before. 2 of the young ladies are from Charleston, SC and have been here about 2 years.

Mrs has but 1 servant, the boy is a nephew. She has 3 sisters at home one daughter and one adopted daughter sister to the boy. I do not

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and Mary think of any thing more to say at present only you $^{\wedge}$ will not neglect writing when you Think one day with me appears like 3 to you.

from your (obedient to a fault in writing) daughter

Lydia Patterson



Capt Acter P Patterson Kennebunk-port Maine