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Dear Daughter Mary

We are all well as usual and hope this will meet you enjoying good health and contented with the school and making good improvement in your studies. Lydia received a letter from you about eight or ten days ago and she sent you a paper last Monday. I have been mowing the grass in[^] yard and garden this forenoon and you will perceive that it makes me very nervous. I wish you would write me soon and make an estimate of about how much money it will require to pay your bills and passage home and I will see that you shall have it in season for the end of the term is drawing near and we shall all be pleased to see you at home. Will you not be able to pack your clothing without any one from home to assist you if you think you are not able and are unwell Lydia or your Mama will come on but you will observe that it will be attended with several dollars of extra expense. I hope you are so well pleased with the school that you will want to go next term for it was my wish that you should have attended the Academy three terms. If any of the rules are not quite as agreeable as you would wish I think it would be ^{the} to put up with them if you can do it without too great a sacrifice of feelings over

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Description: Letter from Actor P. Patterson to his daughter, Mary.

Your Mamma & Lydia have been talking about going to Saco for two or three weeks to do some shopping but they have not got there yet and I do not know when they will and after that your mother and myself talked of going to Boston but I do not think that we shall go soon enough to see you at Bradford this term although it would have given us a great deal of pleasure to have called and seen you on our way up or down

Mrs Lydia A. Lord died this afternoon she has been confined to her chamber about ten days

Mr Abbot left here about three weeks ago quite sick and went to Belfast there is a letter from him this week saying that he is a getting better and will be here Sabbath after next

Susan Eliza Perkins was in town a few days ago and I heard that she was on the point of being married to a Mr Lambert who resides at the Island of Saint Martins and they were going out to the West Indies as soon as they were married. His father I was told lives at St. Bartholomews an Island in sight of St. Martins. Uncle Edwards family are all well

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