

New York City, Jan 8, 1844

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Description: Letter from John Davison to Eliza Ann Davison, January 8, 1844

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you had better get some one to fill your water berrell for you and keep
it to use when the weather is not suitable for you to go out.

I suppose that you make the Stoves do a good business this winter
be carefull to keep them warm enough to ^{keep my dear little} ^{pleasure}

Caleb Henry Comfortable. Nothing gives me greater ^{pleasure} than
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him so that I hardly dare to allow myself to think of
him. Take good care of him guard both him and yourself
against colds and sickness. See that he is warmly clothed
Tell him how much his pa-pa loves him. and that his
pa-pa wants him to be a good boy.

If Olive comes to Augusta tell her that I want very much to see her
give her my best respects. I think that she had better go to school in
Augusta this winter and take a school next Spring and not go
to New Hampshire next Spring unless George needs an assistant
and can pay her well for it. I am sorry to hear that your
mother's health is poor this winter you didnot mention whether she
took cold or not on her journey home. I intended to have sent you
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