

Pattersonville Dec 25 1847  
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all well I shall sail for Philadelphia  
on Monday next (27<sup>th</sup>) I have not as yet  
received a letter from you, the man to  
whom it was directed lives forty miles  
from where I take in my Cargo. I have  
heard from him however and understand  
that he has a letter for me which I suppose  
is from you I shall probably get it this  
evening. I cannot of course answer it.  
I have not much to write you nor have I  
much time to write my evry moment is  
taken up. I had no opportunity of writing  
you from Jamaca. I would have Tell  
Caleb Henry that I would have written him  
a letter on my voyage from Jamaca to  
this place and told him all about what  
I saw there and a great deal more but  
I was sick during the passage - when at  
Jamaca I unnecessarily exposed myself to  
the heat and weather, and was taken with sick-  
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Date: Dec. 25, 1847

Description: Letter from John Davison to Eliza Ann Davison, his wife, written  
in Pattersonville, Louisiana.

treatment or in the keeping of a West India  
hospittle - I ordered the vessel to Sea and pres-  
cribed for myself - My health is now good  
I Came to Pattersonville to day to Clear the  
vessel for Philadelphia. Tell Caleb Henry that  
I will write to him from Philadelphia.  
tell him that I want to see him very much  
and hope that he is a good boy. I want to  
see you very much though I cannot allow  
my self to think to much about home at  
present. Write to me at Philadelphia  
direct you letter to the care of  
Messrs Thomas F Wise and & Thomas  
I shall probably be there in about twenty  
five days. I have no time to write any  
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can think of  
Affectionately your Husband

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[postmark] Pattersonville La.  
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[on left side, sideways]  
(Mr. John)

Mrs. John Davison  
Augusta  
Maine

[on right, sideways)

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