

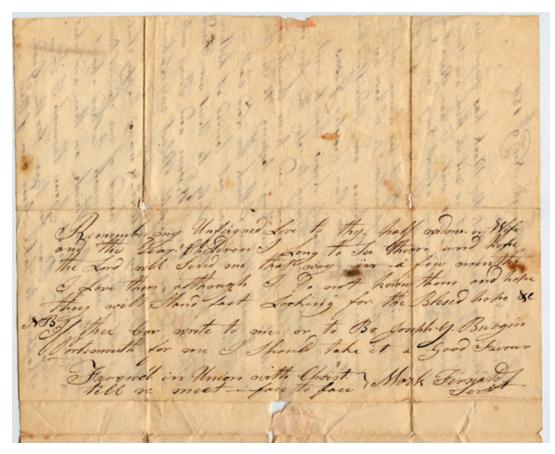
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Description: Letter from Mark Fernald to Ephraim Stinchfield.

## Wolfborough Nov<sup>r</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1811 Dear & Near Brother

Thee may think that Br. Mark has forgot his Near Friend but it is not so. There are Some Reasons Why I did not write. I have been Since I Saw thee Preaching almost Every Day or Evening and Commonly Both Day & Evening but had Opportunities many of I had known where to Directed my Information to. I have heard from thee Several times and Understood thee Was at Labour for our master Jesus Dear Sir, I barely know how to write for I have Been hoping to See thy face in the Flesh Once more and have traveled many Miles to Puplic mettings hoping to See thee I Travell Where I think the Lord calls me all the time I have not tarried at kittery Since I Saw thee Only to Visit my Friends The Lord has been Wisdom and Power unto me and has Wonderfully Blest my Labours from Place to [missing word] I have Seen many Wounded – many Deliver - & many happy Souls I suppose thee has heard of me Several times for my name is much talked about Dear Sir I Often think on thee and what Labours thou hast Gone through I Often Mourn and Pray for thee for the Good Shepard to take Good Care of thee



Remember my Unfeigned love to thy half widow or Wife and the Dear Children I long to See them and hope the Lord will Send me that way in a few months I love them although I do not know them and hope they will Stand fast Looking for the Blesed hope &c NB

^ If thee Can write to me or to Br Joseph Y. Burgess Portsmouth for me I Should take it a Good Favour

Farewell in Union with Christ} Mark Fernald till we meet face to face Servant

Hoping thee will Proceive This Information Jointe

Hoping thee will Receive this Information I write I come from Bradford Mass to this town Last March and found a Borough with many Wolfish People in it and but few who had Relegion I Began to Preach and the Lord Blest the word. the Enemy Soon [missing word] His Children to Howling Sunday and nearly Every thing thing they Could Invent they said as is Common by the Lords sword Cut almost all before it and a Goodly number have Embraced Christ

Nearly fifty have Been Bapt<sup>d</sup> and many Converts have not. The Reformation is Very Still save what noise the wicked made all by Breaching and the Lord has helped me Beyond what I Ever thought Dear Sir I Do not feel nor act like the Same Person my trials about Preaching are Gone when I Give up for the Lords will to be Done. I never thought when I was

I was there but Longing to ^ Br. Stenchfield I hope if thou Should feel Duty that thee will not Delay to Visit them and if I know it I Shall Come 40 or 50 miles to see thee --- the Lord help thee till Death thy needy Child & Brother Mark Fernald



Newgloucester Elder Mark Fernald Kittery

To
Br Ephraim Stinchfield
Elder
Newgloucester
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