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Pen to write a few lines to inform you, and to inquire  
how you Do which I hope you will receive as from your  
Constant Son in the glorious Gospel of the Lord Jesus  
Christ, Dear Sir I beg you Excuse that I have Not  
given Evidence of my Constant Regard So Long Past  
but believe me that in all Evil Reports I have Never  
Suffered my Ears to be wounded by anny thing for  
my Love to you for your Labour and Love to my  
Soul Constrained me to be Deaf to Every thing  
that whas Slandrously Spoken but I hope to Se  
you face to face Shortly we are in Good health  
But my Subject Lays weighty which I must attend to  
Dear Sir I have Long left Emprassed with a Duty  
for the Church to try to Arise and Shake of her  
fettors and Come out from wordly Conformity  
I have Stated to my Breethren of my feelings  
for one year or moore as there are Some members  
that are So Slipery we Cannot Get hold of them  
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Date: July 1, 1815

Description: Mark Fernald letter to Ephraim Stinchfield

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the 13<sup>th</sup> July for a General Church meeting and  
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Next 8 Ins<sup>t</sup>

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for you to Come up and Se us and try to help  
those few to Strengthen the things that Remain  
that are Ready to Die. So inquire of the Lord and  
if it is <sup>his</sup> will Come and help us forward  
for a few Days

I From your ever will Sister and Soul in the  
Bond of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

Petataiah Fernald Servant  
of the Church

Saturday Night

As I have wrote in haste as I feel and have no intention for serious thoughts but  
wishing my self the word Constant Son I mean I have Ever  
felt that Constant Charity and Love for you as a Son for  
a father I Beg in the Reward of Compassion for the Seated  
Church that you would try to take Courage and Lay aside  
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To  
Elder Ephraim Stinchfield  
New Gloucester

for Gray office  
Pleas forward this with Speed