Sertsmouth May 1 1811 Belove bother in the lines of Christian and in ploused the spirit of grace and bound for gloss you may think it strung of my riting to you be housing augustanity to some by brother wite I imbrace this rabatte forcesse to vite a few ling to in from you show it is with us oral and bedy through the growing of you we we are well as Bounds hope you and years are the rawe I raw Book Mark Sust would be prechles unday night up here and mends stoly as to his helthe but hope if the love will be will som be restored to health again as to our returner of soil it is not very you Jene you left us up here we have had some very god meetings and a number of very pureues as to proching we have not had weach Brother Sin here and Brother IN Bladell am Brother N Sign and their stay was short with ees to day is have Elder Dier of wilingham and we hope he will prove a rent blyfeing to the people for heris a worthy brother and a faithful balour dear fir & want to ten much i was in hops i should have some you again he went wordy but dear du think of your labours emember with gratitude of hant to god i thick that is morning of may the 20 1501 with a heart full of desires and eyes of full of tears a feels to very I hand give me feel as i did that blessed morning when god roust his gracious name uni Chaye my mornful stat : de i ban my while i vite Meft being you that i was bor to hers the zoyful sound of Salvation and to have lahop and life in my out , day i field while it

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Description: Letter from Hannah Stevens to Ephraim Stinchfield.

Beloved brother in the lands of Christian union and in felowship of the spirit of grace and bound for glory you may think it strang of my riteing to you but having anopertunity to serve by brother rite I imbrace this sabath forenoon to rite a few lines to in form you how it is with us soul and body through the goodness of you we are as well as Comon and hope you and yours are the same I saw Brother Mark last mondy he prechtd Sunday night up here and mends sloly as to his helth but hope if the Lord will he will soon be restored to helth again as to our situation of soul it is not verry good Sence you left us up here we have had some very good meetings and a number of verry poor ones as to

preching we have not had much Brother ^ How has bin here and Brother W. Blasdell and Brother N Piper and their stay was short with us to day we have Elder Dier of notingham and we hope he will prove a real blessing to the people for he is a worthy brother and a faithful labour dear sir I want to see you very much I was in hops I chould have sene you again be fore you went away but dear dad I think of your labours o[page torn]

Lord

love to ward me how the ^ sent you to Call me to repentance and warn me of my danger and you didnot fail day nor night to labour and Cry to god all night in prayr for me I now

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remember with gratitude of hart to god I think that mem^ morning of may the 20 1807 withe a heart full of desires and eyes full of tears I feele to say O lord give me to feel as I did that blessed morning whin god reveld his gracious name and chasd my mornful stat o dad I can say while I rite Bless be my god that I was born to here the joyful sound of salvation and to have a hope of eternal life in my soul o dad I feele while I rite my hart glow with gratitude to my grate redemer [page smudged] the evidence and hope I have in my soul I look forward

to that blegged morning and glorious matering when all the faithful in Chiet yesus our love Shall hear the dechangel angel bowthe last trumpet with will write all the Twents of from the sea am from the granes yards and the lining saints will be Changed in a moment and all will be brught up to west the low in the air and outer in to that kingdom which hathers end am Tet down with him in his throng as he has wereand and set down with his fether sakes throweder Ter your exortations and admonitions to me inflow think of you told me to dwell deepe i think fir i desire to build on that nock with our blefred fesus saw the gates of held shall not previous against ado not live us is my privilege yet i desir to worship god in spinist and build with gold silver and precios stone that my works may abide the fire i want to to know that my necesser limeth and feels it in my dear sir i solicit you prays for me that the blefsed love would bloth me with humility and give me a meet une Quiet spirit and help me to Thine as a light in the world many we the trials of my minimy et blofred be jor i feele determine to try to keep a long the good ald way and when i are to deprecione use i cry for yeary has loved me i count Jay why i hope sirishall not fail to weet you in Brother Dearbon and Sister Dearbon is well and are presing ownered to yling Funny and I wend are about the same dends their love to you wishes your prays for them that god would show them where they are and bring them to regice in his lone Brother Burgin is very unwell Cunnet sit up all day the rest of the Brotheren and Sistinsure well i believe fister june was up last week and Slive in body and in tribulation if Soul

to that blessed morning and glorious meteing when all the faithful in Christ Jesus our lord shall hear the archangel angel blow the last trumpet wich will raise god

all the saints of ^ from the sea and from the grave yards and the living saints will be changed in a moment and all will be Caught up to meet the lord in the air and enter in to that kingdom which hath no end and

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Sit down with him in his throne as he has ever cam and sat down with his father on his throne dear sir your exortateons and and admonations to me I often think of you told me to dwell deepe I think sir I desire to build on that rock wich our blessed Jesus said the gates of hell shall not prevail against I do not live as is my privlige yet I desir to worship god in Spirit and build with gold silver and precios stone that my works may abide the fire I want to [word smudged out] know that my redemer liveth and feel it in my soul Jesus Christ the hope of glory from day to day dear sir I solicit you prays for me that the blessed lord would cloth me with humility and give me a meek and quiet spirit and help me to shine as a light in the world many are the trials of my mind yet blessed be god I feele determined to try to keep a long the good old way and when I am to dye recive me I cry for jesus has loved me I cannot say why I hope sir I shall not fail to meet you in glory Brother Dearbon and Sister Dearbon is well and are presing onward to glory Fanny and Irand are about the same Sends their love to you wishes your prays for them that you would show them where they are and bring them to rejoice in his love Brother Burgin is very unwell Cannot sit up all day the rest of the Brethren and Sisters are well I belive Sister Jane was up last week and [page torn] Slim in body and in tribulation of Soul

Pollotish famby are well as Brown Fallow has lin see but is Compoduble now their is nothing new that I however amoney the brethere at Kittery oran you meetings i hour of and Some dutt ones Bother Forwards and dewring has given a fishing and Brother Fresher and Selemon be at home at present Brother plus is not Courseled ger and gross more indeferante about his soul & believe it the people are well in general down their and what she I more rite Sufer me to exhort you to Continue in well diring down for the lord has called you with an high win hely Calling an set you as a wachman on the water of warm the worker a may god Bloth you with salvation This the glory of gibe in you dear dir you are to become sample to the Mock of Christ of that you may be inable to walk blandys of a wicked generation in dont your outward trials ar money of discrease him but I hope that it affections Quethat Countation will, whowin in you to the of Just Christ 40 help you to Than us a braze of in the defence of the gospel of god nor never be vierry mer friend in your wine but inconage your telf in the love o day I wish i bould were you face to face to forwarie with about the love shorist and he aven and stony and goin and rang and pray and sit in an heavely place in thrist Jenus our lord best i look power to that relocious oneth when we if faithful unto death we shall muite all the redeemed of the love who will be selle of from the east and west and with and south and enter into that I hely setery of go no parteng our will be their no server there but life held and bought to work a bright Crown and with our dear Sauer forover Fit down dear fir do not be offended with me , riting so for this & derir for this a pray lore prepares for they right ham? we sell want to you or hear from you do wite very some to me sen by the male to I Comelude with July do well an fator well for the proceeded if you receive this lite in god part srite me one farageur hart from your Chil

Pelletiah famley are well as Comon Salley has bin sick but is Comfortable now their is nothing new that I know of amoung the brethren at Kittery som good meetings I hear of and Some dull ones Brother Sowards and dearing has gown a fishing and Brother Frisbee and Solomon stay at home at present Brother John is not Converted yet and groes more indiferante about his soul I belive the people are well in general down their and what shewd I more rite Sufer me to exhort you to Continue in well doing dear sir the Lord has called you with an high and holy Calling and sent you as a wachman on the walls of Zion and o may you give the trumpet a certin sound and warn the wicked o may god Cloth you with Salvation Shield you in the day of battle be a wall of fire round you and the glory of god be in you dear sir you are to be an exsample to the flock of Christ o that you may be inable to walk blamless and harmless as a Son of god without rebuke in the midst of a wicked gineration no dout your outward trials are

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many of diferient kind but I hope that as affictions [page torn]^
to w[page torn] you that Consolation will abound in you to the glo[page torn]
[page torn] Jesus Christ god help you to Stand as a brazon [page torn]
in the defence of the gospel of god nor never be merry nor
faint in your mind but incorage your self in the lord
o dad I wish I could see you face to face to converce with

^ about the Lord Christ and heaven and glory and join and sing and pray and sit in an heavenly place in Christ Jesus our lord but I look forward to that glorious meeting when we if faithful unto death we shall meete all the redeemed of the Lord who will be gatherd from the east and west and north and south and enter into that holy sitey of god no parting ours will be their no sorrow there but life helth and comfort to ward a bright crown and with our dear Savior forever Sit down dear sir do not be offended with me for riteing so for this I dezir for this I pray Lord prepar us for thy right hand we all want to see you or hear from you do rite very soon to me Send by the male so I Conclude with saing doo well and fair well for the present if you receve this leter in good part rite me one from your hart from your Child Ephriam Stinchfield Hannah Stevens



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