

My dear William,

Augusta, (Me.) June 9. 1824

Yours of the 18. of May has been received; as was also that of [torn] March on the next day after I wrote you under date of the 16. April

By Dr. Sewall, who is now here on a short visit to his friends, I cannot refrain from writing, although it must necessarily be a short & hasty letter — as he is to leave town this evening for Gardiner, on his way back to Washington. — And with regard to the subject of your last Letter — after the deliberate & prayerful decision which you have made, upon the motives & reasons assigned — I have nothing to say, but “the will of the Lord be done.” My Lord and Master will certainly provide for me in some unknown but competent manner, according to his infinite wisdom, faithfulness & goodness. My pilgrimage is well nigh closed — & I am solemnly admonished of this event by the frequent instances of mortality which have taken place of late among my associates, acquaintances & juniors. On the 20. of April died rather suddenly Mr. Lewis Hamlen -- & on the 12. of May, after about three weeks sickness, William Brooks, esquire. Besides these, Mr^s Louisa Williams, wife of Edward Williams, Mr. Joseph Wallace, a shoemaker, Mr^s Hannah Ingraham, wife of Elijah Ingraham, (formerly Hannah Thwing) Mr. Henry Babcock, & Mr. Jarvis Williams, son of Chls. Williams of consumption — have all died since the 1. March last; together with several others! But notwithstanding these gloomy dispensations among us, we have been greatly refreshed by the late revivals of religion in the neighbouring towns. Sidney was visited the last winter with a shower of divine Grace during which about 70 were gathered in that town. Winthrop has been visited this spring with a similar shower, which began in the eastern [page torn] of the town among the Baptists & has extended into Mr. Thurston's society. And about the first of April which

a solemn season of awakening, commenced in Mr. Gillet's society at Hallowell, ^ has continued & increased to the present time; as the fruit of which they already count upon upwards of 40, besides the subjects of the work in the Baptist & Methodist societies, which have also shared in the blessing. A.W. Danforth, a young preacher from Pittsfield, Ms. has been preaching at Hallowell during Mr. Gillet's absence on

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new House, & who was one of their forward men, has lately become a subject of the revival there, &
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profession — which includes the education of your offspring in the nurture & admonition of the Lord.
Be admonished that "it is better not to vow, than to vow & not perform!" The Lord enable you to
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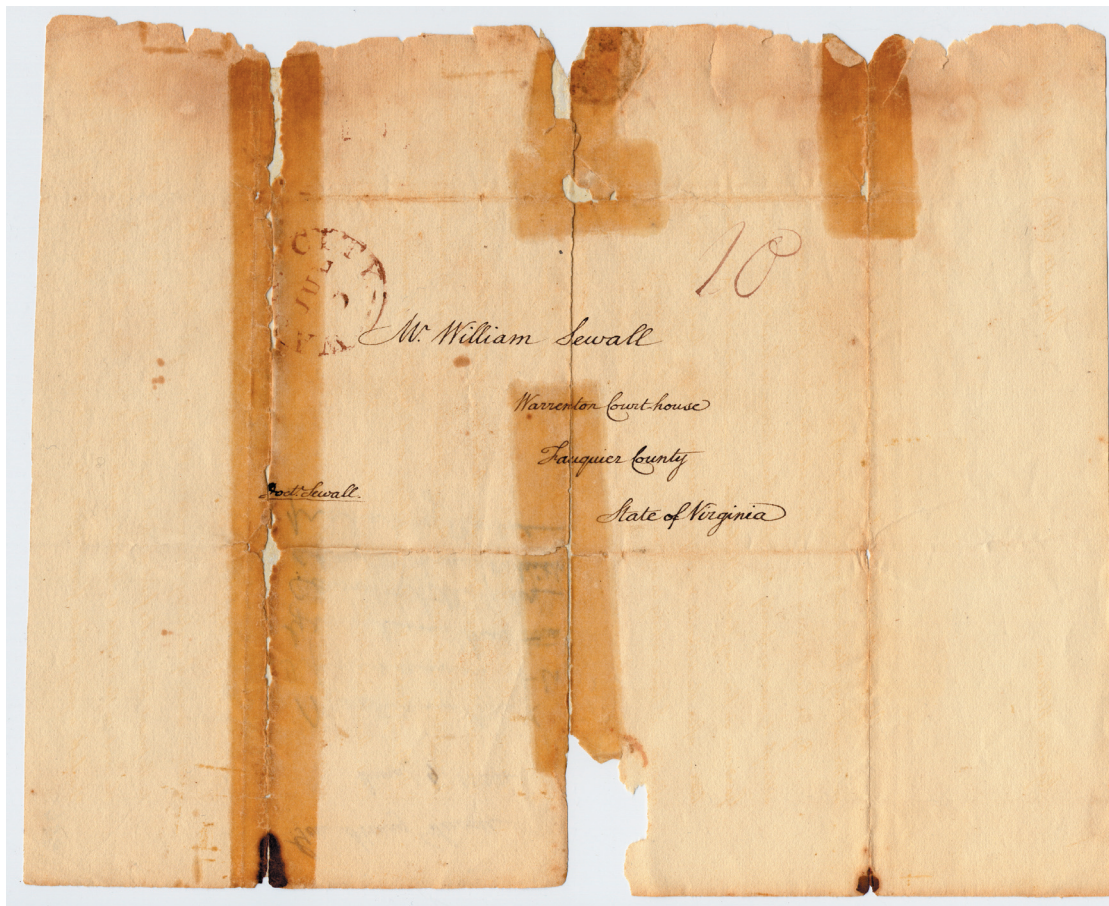
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