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Description: Josiah Pierce to Phebe Thompson

Flintstown Saturday morn Octo 28th 1786

My Dear

Tired of my Lonely Situation here, and Enjoying no comfort but in Contemplation on you, while I am absent from you my Days are full of fatigue and Care, and my Nights are malon =colly and Dull, neverless I spend greate part of them in Contemplate =on, on the many pleasant hours which I have Enjoyed with you in Love and Innocence; and in anticipation of the Time, when I hope to be again Blessed in the Enjoyment of your Company.

I sleepe but little, have no body to unbosom my self unto, Con =sequently I am full of musing, therefore it is that I arise this morn, while as yet, Aurora has scarce streak'd with yellow gold the Dappled East, nor has the powerfull King of Day as yet acended his

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 Burning Char^iot, to drive his firy steeds, through the vast Exten =ded plains of Ether pure, Dispensing Light and heat, to this our Sublunary World, 'tis this in the grey morn, by the Small Tapers — feeble Light that I attempt, to Scatter on Paper some of my — thoughts, to be Conveyed to you My Dear, although I am fully — Convinced of the Insufficiency of words, to Express what Absent — Lovers feel, yet I Cannot for bear Endeavouring to Convey some of

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 my thoughts to her I Love, My Soul is filled with the most arden^ Desire to see you, and once more clasp you to the Bosom that only Beats for you, then I should Enjoy that pleasure which is not to be foun but in your Company and Endearing Conversations. — it is not that I am Contented to be absent from your Tender Bosom so long, that is the Caus of my Tarrying here, but neces =sity requires it, for if I Should leave this place before I have got the house fit to Live in, I Could not get is Done this — winter, but I Enjoy Some Comfort, in when I reflect that I am — Employed in making Such preparations, as I hope will make our future Lives more Comfortable, if it Should please the — Almighty, to Spare our Lives and healths, I must Confess that I have raised Expectations, of being more than amply rewarded for all I suffer in this painfull, Truly Painfull absence which I am foured to Endure, by being Bless'd with your Love and — Tenderness, which alone will be more to me than all the other Enjoyments in the world could Possibly afford without it. —

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I am very Anxious to hear from you My Dear, I have not heard from you since your kind, Edearing & affecting Letter of the 1st Inst. although I have received Letters from Woburn as late as the 17th Inst. which makes me fear that sickness, or some Evil is the Cause, Pray write as soon as possible and ease the Anxiety of the Breast of him, whose happiness Depends on your health and welfare, when your Brother left me, I was in hopes to have been so happy as to have seen you before the Time that this Can Reach you, but I find I must stay here Longer than I Expected, I hope it will not be very long before I shall see you, but I cannot set the time Exactly, perhaps three weeks from the Date of this or more, but I can assure you that it shall not be longer than necessity requires, for I am sure that there never was a time when I wanted to see you more, than I do now, I have been so very long absent, from what I hold Dearer than all the World beside that I am grown Exceeding Anxious to see you, and once more Clasp you to my heaving Bosom, which is the most sublime Happiness, which I can Enjoy in this State.

I am in good health, and hope that by the Blessing of that all Bounteous God! from whom we receive evry mercy which we Enjoy, that you are made a partaker of the like Inestimable Blessings.

I have received a very Pathetick Letter from our good though Afflicted Friend the Colo, his Letter was the most affecting to me that ever I red in the whole course of my Life, it Contained an account of his journey from the time he left me, till his arrival at his once pleasing habitation, but now maloncolly Retreat! when he Came to inform me of his arrival at his own house, and Describe his own feelings, and pour out his sorrows as he did Freely to me, & Describe the situation of his family, then the unfirged Tear, of sypathy & griel, for my Distressed Friend, flow'd in Streemes from my Eye, never did I more want the powr to relieve the Distresses of a Friend, than at that Time, but his afflictions are of such a nature, that it is out of my Power to grand him relief.

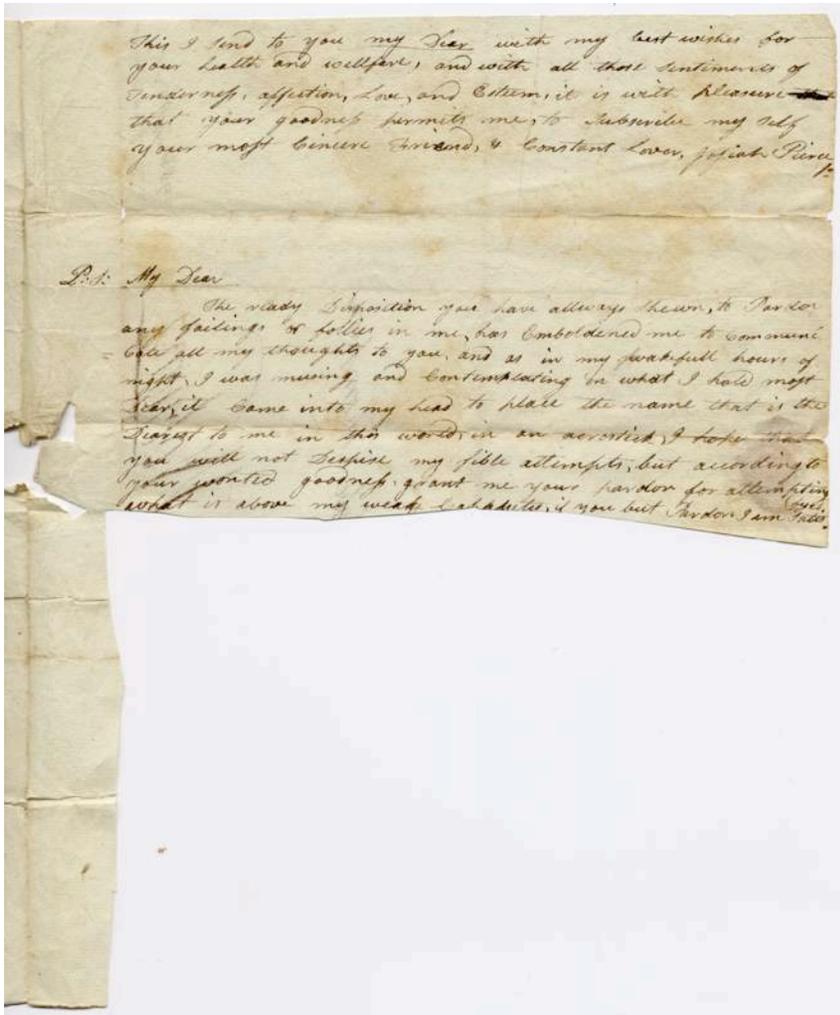
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This I send to you my Dear with my best wishes for your health and welfare, and with all those sentiments of Tenderness, affection, Love and Esteem, it is with pleasure that your goodness permits me, to subscribe my self your most Cincere Friend, & Constant Lover, Josiah Pierce

P:S: My Dear
 The ready Disposition you have always shewn, to Pardon and failings or follies in me, have Emboldened me to communi-
 =cate all my thoughts to you, and as in my wakefull hours of
 night, I was musing and Contemplating on what I hold most
 Dear, it Came into my head to place the name that is the
 Dearest to me in this world, in an acrostick, I hope that
 you will not Despise my feble attempts, but according to
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