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Description: Franklin Pierce to George Washington Pierce

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resigning his seat in the U. S. Senate, which were
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He are received here - If his health will
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He is just that intelligent, honest & fearless
politician, which the times call for - To leave
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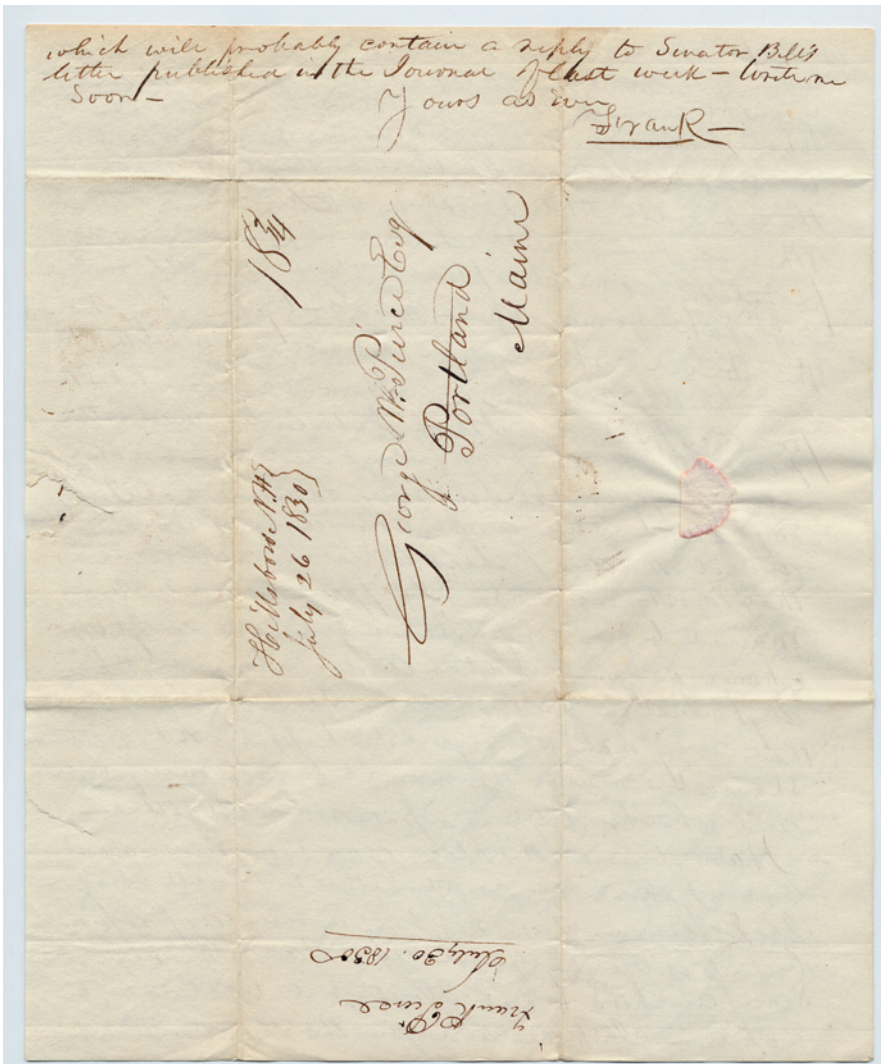
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we together that would be interesting to us both
that would still hardly be mentioned in a letter -
What say you? might we not spend a few days
profitably as well as pleasantly in the city famed
for "fair women & pure morals" - by the way, how
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and it matters perhaps little what are the causes
that most excite us - I suppose you will be
married before long - There will be one mighty
change in your condition. And a change without
any question for the better - There can be no doubt
that every man, who regards his happiness or his reputation
should be married the moment he can marry well -
and what his duty is as a patriot (vidi Malthus) -
Having been at this place you know there is almost
no society here can conjecture what kind of a life I lead -
I hope however I am not living in vain. My professional
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which will probably contain a reply to Senator Bell's
letter published in the Journal of last week - Write me
soon- Yours as ever
Frank -

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Hillsboro, N.H. 18 3/4
July 26 1830

George W. Pierce Esq
Portland
Maine

[upside down]

Frank Pierce
July 30. 1830