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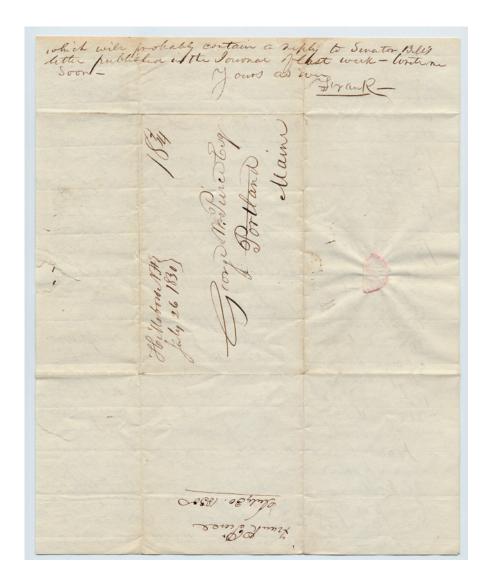
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is no period of our lives that will decide so much either for or against us as that of two or three years to come – There are a thousand matters we should broach. Many Subjects we should discuss were we together that would be interesting to us both, 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 the Devil she can be celebrated for both I can hardly conceive – How do you like the practice of Law? I think I should be much better pleased with it - if my feelings did not become so strongly interested in every case in which I am engaged – Still "quiet to quick souls is a Hell" 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 as this place you know there is almost no society hand can conjecture what kind of a life I lead–I hope however I am not living in vain. My professional business is tolerably good and I am throwing out some <u>anchors</u> which I trust will take hold after a while – I shall send you the Patriot of tomorrow



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 –

[written horizontally]

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

George W. Pierce Esq Portland Maine

[upside down]

Frank Pierce July 30. 1830

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