



Portland May 27<sup>th</sup> 1825

My Dear Wife

The bearer of this line is M<sup>r</sup> Packard one of the Professors in Bowdoin College, the Gentlemen in Company with him are the Cellebrated Doctor Welles and M<sup>r</sup> Stowe & M<sup>r</sup> Smill two of the tutors in said College, all Gentlemen of high respectability, I am very sorry that I could not be at home to wait on them, I wish they may be treated with the respect and attention, that is so Justly due to their Characters — — —  
Your affectionate Husband

Josiah Pierce

N.B Doctor Smith arived in town last evening  
I am going with him to see Harriot this morning

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