

Fryeburg, June 28th. 1814.

Dearest Josiah, I have been taking a charming walk on the banks of the river. The lovely picturesque scenes presented to my view, would not permit [erased] imagination to lie dormant, being quite alone I gave full scope to her sway; she immediately introduced the dear idea of my loved Brother, which never fails to inspire the most pleasing sensations; indulg-
-ing long in a contemplation so delightful gave rise to the following lines, which I beg you to accept. Not on account of their merit, but as a small token of my affection.

On the bank of the Saco I wandered along,
'Twas at twilight and Nature was still,
No music was heard but the whippoorwill's song,
Who had chosen her seat on the hill.

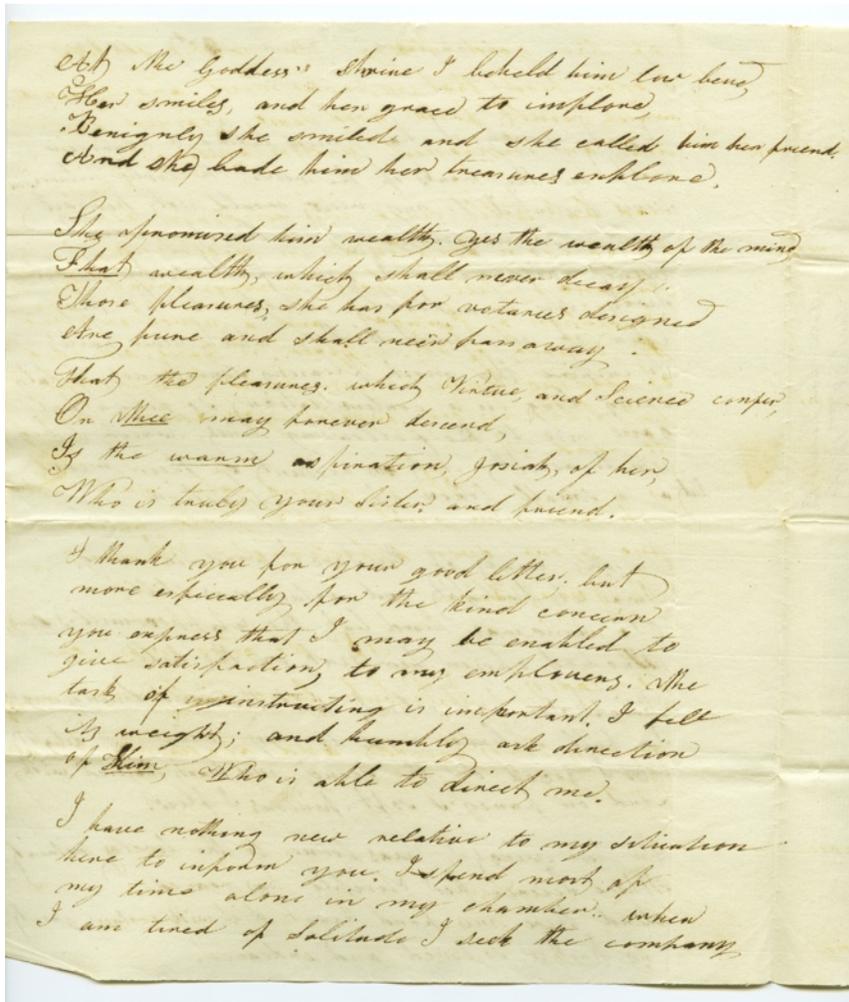
Bright Sol had retired, and the Queen of night
In full splendor rose to my view delight.
As I gazed on the scene, my heart thrilled within
and on fancy's soft pinions I flew.

On her wings I was borne to the lovely retreat,
Where Science her Temple has reared.
And there my fond heart did with ecstasy greet
My Brother so loved and endeared.

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Description: Hannah Pierce letter about teaching, books



At The Goddess' Shrine I beheld him low[?] bend,
Her smiles, and her grace to implore,
Benignly she smiled and she called him her friend,
And she bade him her treasures explore.

She promised him wealth. Yes the wealth of the mind
That wealth, which shall never decay
Those pleasures, she has for [?]otances designed
Are pure[?] and shall ne'er pass away.

That the pleasures which Virtue and Science confer,
On Thee may forever descend,
Is the warm affirmation Josiah, of her,
Who is truly your Sister and friend.

I thank you for your good letter; but
more especially for the kind concern
you express that I may be enabled to
give satisfaction, to my employers. The
task of instructing is important, I feel
its weight; and humbly ask direction
of Him Who is able to direct me.

I have nothing new relative to my situation
here to inform you. I spend most of
my time alone in my chamber: when
I am tired of Solitude I seek the company

of the good Mrs G, in whose society
I ever find that improvement, and pleasure
which result from good sense, refined taste,
and an improved understanding.

I have
read but little since my residence here
having been employed in welding
Minerva's steel. I have however read the
Revolution of Portugal, and a novel entitled
The Church of St. Siffra. I have an idea
of reading Hume. You know I have read
but little history. would you advise me
to read it?

It is growing late and I mu-
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me your ever affectionate, Hannah.

Mr Josiah Pierce,

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