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Dear Hannah,

On my return from Court last evening I found your letter of the day before yesterday. Among the many cares and labors that occupy my time – I think often of you & your situation – with much solicitude. And I would visit you more frequently if I could – my Judicial duties require full half my time – law business – insurance business, town business – my farming - & the care of my large and expensive family– keep me employed all the time. And the concern of Daniel & Arch¹ Lewis require a great deal of care - I name these things to show you why I am not more frequently at Baldwin.

I hardly know what to advise you about your aquaeduct - I <u>should be very unwilling</u> to let Capt. Bachelder – have that piece of land – he has not the least right to it – Again his place is mortaged to Ephraim Flint Esq. for a large sum – the deed or right to lay pipes should come from <u>Flint</u> and not from Bachelder – A deed from Bachelder would give no legal right or little – unless the mortgage is paid – Again – I would not take the water from his house nor have it in any way connected with his pipes –

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for in case of a drought, - or dry winter you could only have what was left after they had used all they wanted both at home and barn – If you take water from his spring by all means take it all the way in your own pipe in a new trench from the spring. For myself I would rather be at double the expense of a well at my house – which I think might be dug & stoned - & a [?] placed in it for \$100 – On the whole I would not touch the aquaduct this year – Perhaps Daniel may conclude to return there – Perhaps Deacon Flint may sell his mortgage & the purchaser stop your water – And you would have no remedy for all you have laid out & experienced

Daughter

My family are well -^ Evalina has been at Belfast more than two weeks on a visit – We expect her home next week – Ruth is very nervous & low spirited. I do think she greatly need some <u>constant</u> employment – some steady occupation of mind and body –

Last mail Josiah received the inclosed letter from Daniel – it is sufficiently sad. Josiah got home the 24th of May- on the 26th (2 days afterward his return) I sent by mail to Daniel \$250-00- I greatly fear it is lost. been taken from the mail –

I cannot now send any money for I have none (or but very little) but if when he writes again the has not recourd the \$\$ 250 - I shall within two hours after Josiah got his letter this morning & my lotter is I sufface near & Boston - 1 It will reach Portrac next friday if nothing prevents . D. aught to have received the \$250- by the 2 of fune - I his letter was dates fune 10th & he had not received it them heyt week I have to halt a court in Bruns wich I leave home a moneray and shall I precure he absent till prisay - the very last of fune or first of fally I hope may not. If the Wife or the children Knew

I cannot now send any money for I have none – (or but very little) but if when he writes again – he has not received the \$250 – I shall try & hire \$200 - & send him I wrote him within two hours after Josiah got his letter this morning & my letter is I suppose near to Boston - & it will reach Pontiac next Friday if nothing prevents – D. ought to have received the \$250- by the 2nd of June- & his letter was dated June 10th & he has not received it then.

Next week I have to hold a court in Bruns – wick – I leave here on Monday and shall I perceive be absent till Friday – the very last of June or first of July I hope to be able to come to Baldwin – but I may not. If Wife or the children knew I was writing they would send love to you

I am called away & must stop – Yours as ever – J. Pierce