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My Dear Brother,

Your kind letter of the 22 nd, came safe to hand, I was truly glad to recieve, some communication from you, and thank you for the kind simpathy you express for my lonely and unprotected situation I have been much perplexed, in geting my harvesting done, as my help kept leaving me, and most of my corn was out in the first injured

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snow storm, it wasted very much, ^ and it is thought that I did not have more than half a crop of corn or potatoes, as they were not properly hoed, or taken any care of, Lathrop Phiney was here last week, and I settled with him, and also with Sewel Sanbourn which my dividend from the Sythe Factory enabled me to do, so that I owe nothing for labour except some done by the day by Mr Bachelder and Mr Elisha Yates. I hope to settle with them soon for it is my "motto owe no man anything" I have now with me a young man, Son of Lyman Darling, of this town who goes to school, and does my chores, and takes care of my pigs and cattle for his board, he worked for me one Week. to husk and get my corn in, and I liked him so well that I was glad to keep him he is much the

but help I have had be will stay with one till gan and there I know not what I shall do, I have been thus explicit, concerning my appairs became you wer evince yo hind an interest in my interest and welfare, I should have written you long since but have been hoping from day, to day, and where to wak to see you I thank you most incerely for your kind invitation, to pass our annual festival with goog and with it wore in my power to accept and avail myself of that pleasure as I have some all the next of the family at their own homes, but it is garte impracticable for me to line home non det ever expect, the leave my home again till I leave it for one where there are no paplastic, on ronrows. Caloin and Mary sent me a land invitation to pass the Writer with them Nothing, would have given me more pleasure but I could not have the Warten look dreamy and Gonmidable to me but I notain my trant in that kind Providence which has so long protected me, I write my simpatting with yours, for The Gooch's applicated Gamily, they have indeed been souly smitter Sanah was a kind and dutiful chile to her Parents, and an affectionale liting I should have gone to them when I first heard the wear rick but concumstances wonto not promot I have not heard from Dancel - s family, since the vent week after they carried George, am

best help I have had, he will stay with me till Jan, and then I know not what, I shall so, I have been this explicit, concerning my affairs, because you ever evince so kind an interest, in my interest and welfare, I should have written you long since, but have been hoping from day to day, and Week to Week to see you, I thank you most sincerely for your kind invitation, to pass our Annual festival with you and wish it were in my power to accept and avail myself of that pleasure, as I have never been at your house on a like occasion, and have been with all the rest of the family at their own homes, but it is quite impracticable for me to leave home nor do I ever expect to leave my home again till I leave it for one where there are no perplexities, or sorrows. Calvin and Mary sent me a kind invitation to pass the Winter with them, Nothing, would have given me more pleasure, but I could not leave. the Winter, looks dreary and formidable to me, but I retain my trust in that kind Providence, which, has so long protected me, I unite my simpathy with yours, for Dr Gooch's afflicted family, they have indeed been sorely smitten Sarah was a kind and dutiful Child to her Parents and an affectionate Sister, I should have gone to them when I just heard she was sick, but circumstances would not permit, I have not heard from Daniel's Family, since the next week after they carried George home

home his wife informal me that he was then an the mail water but did not expect to have employment there, only that week but she said nothing of what "he was going to do this winter? I hear that Elisabeth and has little gial are in kenton, but she has not wanter me I was glad that The and Kuth were with hard and has granchy in their great application, I am going to hear that your only , has been and is now so ill, give my love to her and your Tangetter, and to your sois, when they return to gladder, your fine ride and enjoy, a real family thanks giving, I have known many such jugons second was very glad that your two eldest long, made me each a short wint and enjoyed it much this is now but a lovely and barlow place for going bentlemen to wint, my eyes have have done worders in purmiting me to write to much. for they are very taratherme, since thee esto winds, and the more with love to you and all your family I am as ever your truly affectioned Sister Glannah. B. Jour apples were put into my cellar before the very cate weather and I will do your menage to the to the girst time I see king I engaged a Mar to take my me apples to Portland four while ago, but No b, who was to

home, his Wife informed me that he was then on the rail road, but did not expect to have employment there, only that Week, but she saw nothing of what he was going to do this Winter, I hear that Elisabeth and her little girl are in Boston, but she has not written me, I was glad, that she and Ruth, were with Sarah and her family in their great affliction, I am sorry to hear that your Wife, has been, and is now so ill, give my love to her and your Daughters, and to your Sons, when they return to gladden your fire side, and enjoy, a real family Thanksgiving, I have known many such joyous seasons, I was very glad that your two eldest Sons, made me each a short visit and enjoyed it much, this is now but a lonely and desolate place for young gentlemen, to visit, my eyes have have done wonders in permiting me to write so For they are very troublesome, since these much. cold Winds, and the snow. With love to you and all your family, I am as ever your truly affectionate

## Sister Hannah.

PS. Your apples were put into my cellar before the very cold weather, and I will do your message to Mr. B the First time I see him, I engaged a Man to take my apples to Portland four weeks ago, but Mr C, who was to

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find a market for them, wrote me that they were so low that I better not send them and they are barreled and in the cellar.