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Description: Hannah Pierce on crop difficulty

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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
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all the rest of the family at their own homes, but it
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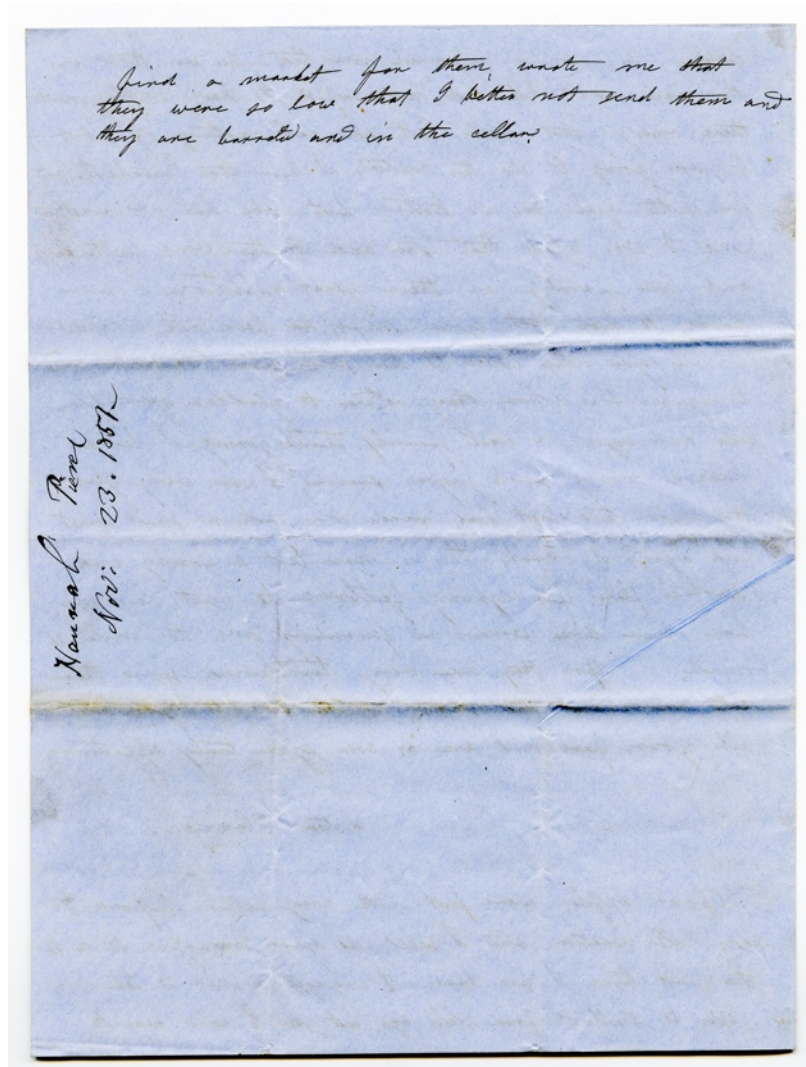
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