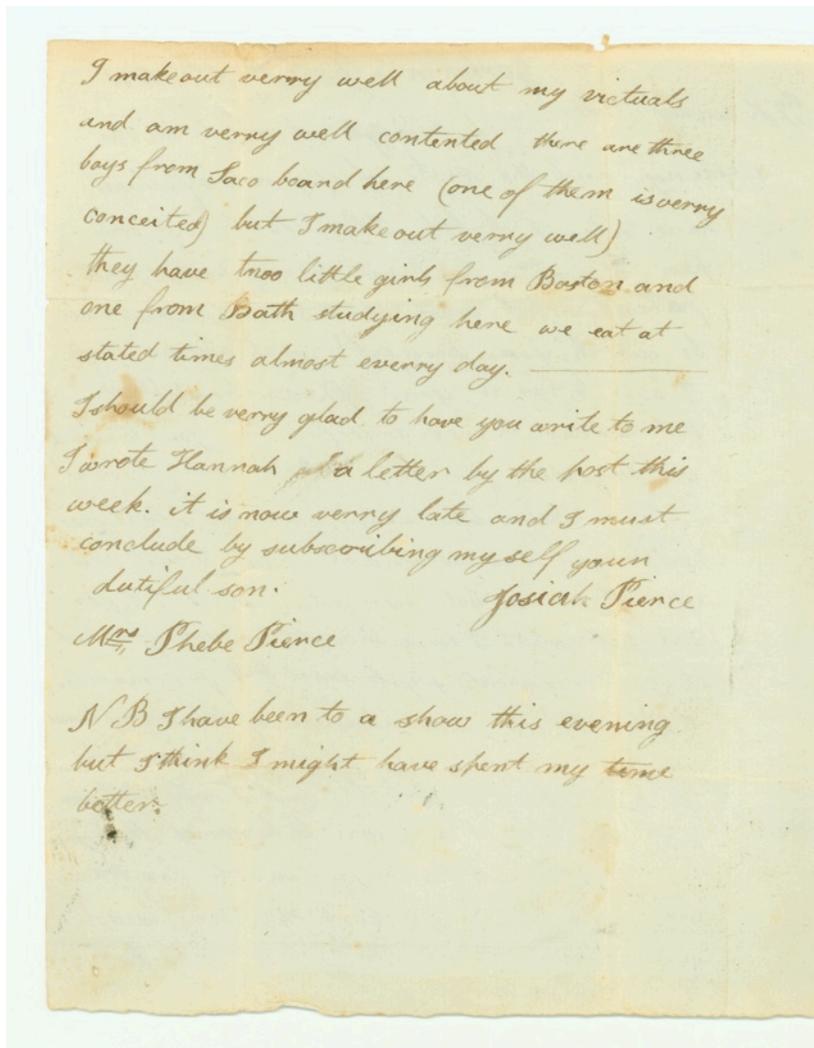


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Gorham April the 4<sup>th</sup> 1811  
My Honoured Mother

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Altho<sup>^</sup>gh it is late in the evening and the rest of my schoolfellows have retired to bed I have taken up my pen to write a few lines to my indulgent parent. but what shall I write that will be worth your perusal? what words shall I use to gain your approbation? I hope that I shall be ever grateful to you for what you have done for me, believe me my dear Mother I have been verry anxious about your health you was so unwell when I last saw you there has not been a day since I left you but what I have thought about you, and it gave me great joy to hear that you was better I often think with pleasure of the many times you have gratified me and your exertions to let me come to scool and I hope that you will never have occasion to be sorry that you let me come. Thank you so much for the cake and apples you sent me they tasted much better to me than though they had been made here



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