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Dear Sisters,

The trial is over, I've been examined about 6 hours & at length recieved a member of the Sophomore class of Bowd. College & now I must be immured between the brick walls of a great building for --- O I can hardly bear to think it is for 3 years. I don't anticipate much pleasure, but I will be contented. Seba is here & M. Emery ---- I had a fine visit at Portland, I attended a large party at Mr Emery's all county folks N & H Senby [?] were there & a miss Parley (one of their cousins) has returned with them. and now dear sisters I beseech you to to live contented do not manufacture evil. There's nothing like perseverance & if you hold out by the by the "wall diggers" will go away. Nancy will return Reason & reflection will ameliorate real evils, & entirely dispense imaginary ones, & that Peace, health, love & prosperity may ever surround you in the wish of your absent Josiah

P.S. write every opportunity
give my love to Mama a^d the boys

J P