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Description: Harriot Pierce to Aunt Hannah

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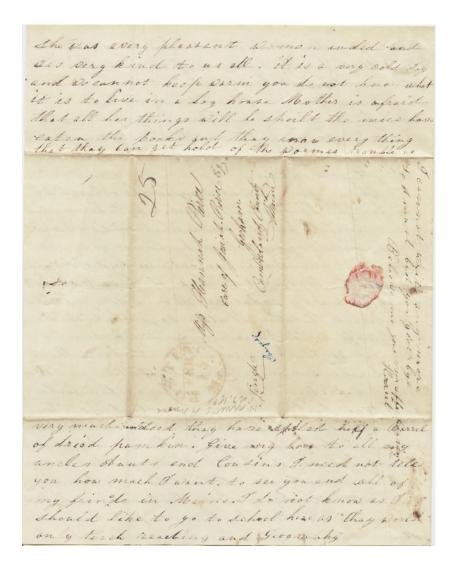
is ^ the man that he has, he is grown to be a large boy. I cannot write any more for I must say a few words to Cousin Lizzy.

Belive me you aff niece Harriet

My Dear Cousin

I was very much obliged to you for you kind letter and now take my pen to answer it I hardly know what to say I will try to find something to amuse you. out of our front window we can only see and old steam mill, pine logs, and the top of Mrs- Osterhout house, there is a cedar swamp one side of us and a tamerrack the other. Father says that we are as well off as the Israelites for we can shoot

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She was a very pleasant woman inded and was very kind to us all. it is a very cold day and we cannot keep warm you do not know what it is to live in a log house Mother is afraid that all her things will be spoilt the mice have eaten the books and thay knaw every thing that thay can get hold of the worms trouble us

[address written sideways]
Miss Hannah Pierce
care of Josiah Pierce Esq
Gorham
Cumberland County
Maine

very much indeed; thay have spoiled half a Barrel of dried pumpkin. Give my love to all my uncles Aunts and Cousins I need not tell you how much I want to see you and all of

my frin^ds in Maine. I do not know as I should like to go to school here as thay would only teach reading and Geography

[written sideways]
I cannot write any more
so I must bid you goot bye
Believe me your ever affe
Harriet