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It is with unfeigned pleasure that I have once more the oppertunity of acknowledging the receipt of a letter from my dear distant Sister - for you can little imagine how much anxiety & sorrow the thought that I had forever fourfeited the love of one who ever has & still continues to share so largely of my heart, & sincere affection & especially when that person has so long & so invariably showne their affection by every means in their power & you will readily perceive how much the paine of such a loss must be increased when all the striasms[?] enjoyment have been dried up save those that flow from the fountain of relative affection. - You say my sister that you have proffered to your absent brother every inducement that "sisterly affection could elictate to urge to

his return ^ the land of his birth & to the society of his relatives – Most certainly you have & to a much greater extent & with a self elevatedness far very beyond

far from  $\triangle$  that brother deserts – & most heartily most sincerely & I do trust with a deep sense of there value does that brother thank you however his

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Dear Sister

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My Last letter, which opperated powerfully in my dicision to still try my home in the west & could anything have induced me to have returned to Maine for a home again most surely would the kind entreeties of my affectionate Sister & her more than jenerous offers of aid to further such return have proved efectual – but I thought I was acting for the best at the time I mean for the good of those for whom I am bound to exert all my powers & time that reveals all things may yet prove that it was for the best - You do not & I trust you never will knowinly experiance how difficult it is for one who by the fetters of poverty is bound down to the present moment to exert for that present all his faculties mental as well bodily to procure the common nessaries of life (to judge wisely for the future – therefore my good Sister if I have erred in judgement by deciding to live (or rather try to live) in in this western wild – (for I will frankly acknowledge that it was a grand mistake of mine coming out here in the first place) I beg you will attribute it not to want of affection for my dear brothers & sisters not to any deficiency of regard for their love & kindness not to a lack of sincere attachment or less regard for the pleasure & worth of their society – but as I above said the difficulty of judgeing wisely under the peculiar circumstances in which I was placed - You ask me Hannah to forgive any & all thing in your last to Harriet which may have affronted or soured me - offended I assure you I was not in the

Slightert digne grind Inas but fare more that I should how gives cause to sogned & him to a sister to thirt me base surgrateful than at a few words inachertantly theker under the epite of au wrought fuling inclused by the disapproximate of chirsted lopes there for stag you will mean say a nother word about forgiv nep expecially when this is nows to theye A than fromined tonny a part of this sheet Ishall harell, have Space to thank you for your kinds jenerois frenent & therew you will be glad to know it did us much good the children all send anuch low to churt Hourseak & Their coursis dolo not Think there is a day parger but they wish they coulde Le your please give my lest love to my Brothers & Sisters 4. I all there children - I amorry impatient to hear from Joint family I do lope the lives of his clear Ail obser with be A new my last low to gree & let one big robile in may never he so long a gaine when we are or now seperated without our writing to each other And may God blep you my dear serter in the sincure with of your offictionate Dear Han wat It gives me much pleasure to impore the Carriel he he you will wap a ish so wan Bi hier health is storing improving that I fear he never vice he able to about hard and our conversions line of a top the training as much if a super in the means The contractions to prove the two contracts of the prove of the desting of the alter of the desting of the alter of the prove of the children the prove of the two the prove of the children the contains and the prove and entirely provided to the contains and the prove and entirely provide and the prove of the contains of the content of The to mother cores and that is the the some way where and the "The to mother cores and tarties are the some way where and the more high from toments and tracks the grades of hostanity for the on the maty our own appreciance have to contain a with and own come difficulties and to submit with cheer friends and chistion usign divide what we con not help - las thicker grow very fort

slightest degree grieved I was but fare more that I should have given cause to so good & kind a sister to think me base & ungratefull – than at a few words inadvertantly spoken under ment

the excite^ of overwrought feelings induced by the disappointment of cherished hopes therefore I beg you will never say a nother word about forgiveness especially when there is naught to forgive As I have promised Fanny a part of this sheet I hardly have space to thank you for your kind and jenerous present & I know you will be glad to know it did us much good - The children all send much love to Aunt Hannah & their cousins I do not think there is a day passes but that they wish they could see you please give my best love to my Brother & Sisters & all their children – I am very impatient to hear from Josiah's family I do hope the lives of his dear children will be [page torn] & now my best love to you & let me beg while [page torn] may never live so long a gaine when we are as now seperated without our visiting to each other - And may God bless you my dear sister is the sincere wish of your affectionate Dear Hannah It gives me much pleasure to impove the {Daniel small space Daniel has left me in thanking you for your letter and your kind wishes for us and our children – for which I sincerely hope you will reap a rich reward – Daniel health is slowly improving but I fear he never will be able to labor hard and our circumstances you are aware seems to make that necesary as much if we were in Maine as it is in Michigan - We have have the great blessing of healthy children the restoration Daniels health the continuance of my own and many for

continued comforts call^ gratitude to God and I hope we are not entirely unmindful of them – the school we have been in for the last three years I hope will not be without ist effect or rather I should say without the effect designed by God for our good - I feel that this little

## [?] life is so short it is matters ^ where it is spent so the great end of existence is ansered and we are so live that the shall be a "test" for us with God - A mothers cares and duties are the same every where and the more disappointments and trials the greater opportunity for us to teach them by our own experience how to contend with and over come difficulties and to submit with cheerfulness and Christian

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Harriet and Susan are quite young ladies and not withstanding they do not improve so fast as under more favorable circumstances they might yet as they have good understanding and [crossed out] a great love of reading the will pick up enough of book knowledge with the addition of good feelings and virtuous intention to fulfill fill the duties of life with acceptance to God Sarah Bowers and Geore Anne have been up and made a long visit of four weeks Sarah is one of the very best of girls- she lightned my cares and labors so much while here that I was quite recrusted[?] in health and strength has helped to fix the children for winter - I feel very anxious to hear from Josiahs children I do most sincerely hope they will be [?] to them — is Ruth still with you if s give her my best love and tell her we shall write her [?]

[address sideways in middle of page] Miss Hannah Pierce East Baldwin Cumberland C<sup>o</sup> Maine

[unreadable] all to Sarah and her children – I think you must injoy having her children so near you is little Phebe as pretty as she used to be – how it makes me wont to see the children to write of them – Anne promised us a letter while she was with you but we have received none, Why is it I have sent her forty letters in imagination, perhaps she has done the same – but we would like some thing a little more substantial – Clara is two years old and you may suppose is a great source of amusement to us – I have just weaned her – I have been a day and night with some sick at one of our neighbors and my eyes are heavy. I fear you will find it difficult to read this [?] The children each send bushels of love to you and all Aunts Uncles an Cous

## [written sideways]

[I hope Daniel will go east this winter I should be lonely indeed but I would not mind that I think the journey would do him good. - Yours with much aff----n Fanny