

Phippsburg July 5. 1831

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Your Letter of the 25th 1831, respecting Sarah Darling Alias Cooper, Alias Furman, was received yesterday, we immediately visited that part of the town where the Darlings live, which is an Island at the mouth of New Meadows River, and upon examination, find, that no such person as the said Sarah ever lived in this town, or any part of it. That Dorcas the supposed mother of Sarah, had not resided in this town for twenty years or thereabouts last past, and that she never had a habitancy here at any time. Benjamin Darling (deceased) was an Inhabitant of Phippsburg and was supposed to be the father of Dorcas, and his mother was a woman from Brunswick or elsewhere with whom Benjamin cohabited for a time, but to whom he was never married, so that neither Sarah the present Pauper, Dorcas the mother nor Sudy the Grandmother never gained any legal Settlement in this town by any means whatever, nor neither of them. You will therefore receive this as notice in reply to your letter that we deny all obligations whatever, to support the said Sarah or her mother and that the Inhabitants of Phippsburg will pay no Bills or expenses that occur for their support, directly or indirectly.

We are, Gentlemen, respectfully yours
A. Drummond Jr., By order of
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Description: Letter about Sarah Darling's residency and support between Phippsburg and Cumberland

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Denial

Customs, Census of the Poor
of the town of
Cumberland
Maine

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