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Description: Josiah and Daniel Pierce letter about Michigan

Orion. October. 4th 1846.

My Dear Father.

Here I am comfortably domiciled in Uncle Daniels farm house in good health and fat condition.

Charles and myself left Detroit for this place, last Monday morning in the Pontiac cars. From Pontiac we took a sort of conveyance which might, in the unsophisticated age of Adam, have been called a carryall. And after more jolting and other personal inconveniences that we had experienced during all the rest of our journey, we were safely disembarked, and received with much joy (on both sides) by our kind relatives. We found them looking well & doing well in all mental & bodily respects with the exception of Uncle, who is however only slightly troubled with an occasional pain in his side caused by his having been run over, sometime since, as you will remember, by a cart. Aunt Fanny appears in better health than she used to enjoy, if my memory serves me right. and my Wolverine cousins are nice, strong, hearty-looking "childers" – Though so far up in the country. Time has by no means hung heavily on our lands, while here.

We have made some visits to "the neighbors." (all people who live within twenty miles of each other, in Michigan, are considered neighbors) and found them as far as we have become acquainted, a much more refined

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class of people, than those of the same relative standing with regard to property in Maine. I rode5 miles, on the back of a blind horse, day before yesterday, in company with Harriet on the pony, to make a short call, i.e. to take a dinner of pork and potatoes, stop ten minutes, and return. What I have seen of the country, pleases me much. The vast fields, the fine oak trees, the rich soil, needing no manure, and huge stacks of grain much higher, often, than the log-houses by whose side they stand are as interesting as they are novel to a denizen of Maine accustomed to the half-acre lots enclosing a two-story building of shingles surrounded by old apple-trees, with one or two patches of marigolds and bachelors-buttons in the front for show.

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Yr. Aff. Son. Josiah —

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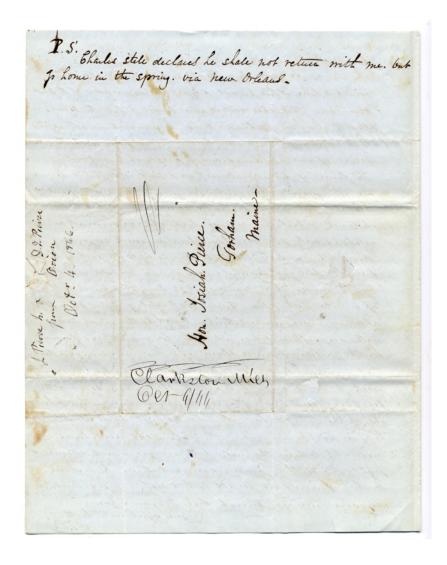
## Dear Brother

As your Son thinks he has written all that occurs to him at this present & offers the remainder of the sheet to any one that can collect ideas enough to fill the same I thought it a good oppertunity to say how much we all rejoiced at the consumation of our long anticipated pleasure by the arival of our Nephews & cousins as Josiah has stated the time of his arrival with us I shall omit that & say we are all enjoying their visit very much the visits of our relatives this season has really seemed to contract the distance which has so long sepperated us from all our relatives & early friends – I have been so much engaged since their arrival that I hardly realize the fact of their presen[page torn] I had just finished sowing my winter wheat t[page torn]

day they came I have sowed about 22 Acres and most of it [page torn] up & looks well I have threshed 210 Bushels of wheat & have I think about as much more to thresh—I do hope the younk men will enjoy them selves while they tarry with us & if a most cordial welcom & sincer pleasure in their company can produce that enjoyment it will be theirs I inten devoting the coming week to them & hope to be able to show them some of the beauties of Michigan (that is) the natural ones—I hope to be able to keep them at least all next week it will doubtless be just as pleasant crossing the lake 2 or 3 weeks hence as now I do hope they will both recieve much pleasure & profit from their journey & in good time be restored to their friends in perfect heath & safty—Wife & children all join me in much love to you & yours

Your affectionate brother

D. T. Pierce



P. S.

Charles still declares he shale not return with me, but go home in the spring, via New Orleans.

[written sideways]

Hon. Josiah. Pierce. Gorham. Maine-

[written sideways next to address]

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