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Ship Devonshire, Atlantic Ocean, May. 11th 1849 Latitude 50°. 11' N. Longitude. 16°=W.

My Dear Father and Mother,

As this letter will probably be a long one, and as part of the matters to be embraced in it are of a date already past, I may as well begin it now. I hope you received the letter addressed to you which I delivered to the N.Y. Pilot who left us about dark on the evening of April 24th ult. His boat was our last visible connection with America, for when we went on deck next morning, the land was no longer to be seen. Most of the passengers were by that time sea-sick, and in their berths. I was fortunately exempt from that misery, but I really felt a little more than I had anticipated, a sadness at leaving my native land for the first time, and a loneliness at thus entering on my supposed vagrant and solitary journey so far from my kind friends at home.

I knew no one on board, and everyone around me seemed wrapped up in their own feelings and unapproachable. Some few old voyagers on business were taking things very differently, and examining and appropriating the best conveniences about them to their own use and benefit, now and then casting a supercilious glance at the greenhorns who were manifesting so much sentiment, and verdant anticipation, and nausea occasionally accompanied by a powerful vomiting &c &c.

The first day or two, there seemed to be a perfect "hodge podge" of emotions and strange scenes on board. Everything seemed marked and striking. The novelty and bustle connected with the management of the ship, the curiosity naturally induced by the strangeness of even trifling circumstances, the recollection of sad partings, and the thousand indescribable phases, in fact, of physical & mental condition, the Yankee calculations regarding the character, position in life and present object of each other prevented the passengers from "fitting together " well at first, and no one (often verdant class, I mean) could tell exactly where he belonged, or what belonged to him. But sea-sickness is a great leveler; it makes a man feel his humanity, purging him of vanity & conceit

and making him acknowledge his defendence on others; and so as most of the populages soon became qualenist, they speedly felt on good terms with each other; and we have since lived like a I would was not really visited by the family very disagreeable but some what ridicalous waterly aforesaid, until the Friday after we left port, where the winds had Set quite a rough sea volling; and then escaped so easily, that I was able to go about the ship as usual & attend wester regularly. Two or there times, however, when the Sea roughered aft well Strangly I have felt a dallast and lop of appetite. but have other wise been very well. Some of the papergers were wisceably sick, esperially the ladies, a portion of them being confused a their beetles for a week on to days. The Slap is very large, (registered at 1250 tous) of an elegant model, rides over the waves like a clack, and bas the regulation of being one of the fastest sailers & finest vefeels in the U. States, having the Superior if any equal among that Supers class Known at " 1. York lines!" She was built I year ago, has made but 6 voyages across the ocean, one of there being in 14 days, cent the whole averaging but 21 days a piece, in length -She carries a long-boat was filled with sheep, hije & parlly two quarter boots , and a life boat at the stern; is well protected against lightwing, howing a conductor attached to each wast. The will carry 53 cabin paper ged, 480 Steering papergers, and a number of 2 cabin papergus, busides The countries at present there are on board 40 capin paperques 3 second cabin do. (seconts.) and /2 steerage profesengers: the Captain (Henry R. Herry), 3 weates, Steward, Stewardelp, 4 & or 4 april tauls, cook, carpenter, and a color of above 30. Of the cabin paperges 14 are laction, 2 are chit closer, two (including your deformat) Lawyers, 3 Doctors, + 1 desagreman. The latter, Rev. W. Chapman of N. y city, (accompanied by live wife + little daughter is a native of Bethet, Marie, fetted for College at

and making him acknowledge his dependence on others; and so as most of the passengers soon became qualmish, they speedily felt on good terms with each other: and we have since lived like a family - I myself was not really visited by the very disagreeable but somewhat ridiculous malady aforesaid, until the Friday after we left port, when the winds had set quite a rough sea rolling; and then escaped so easily, That I was able to go about the ship as usual & attend meals regularly. Two or three times, however, when the sea "roughened up" pretty strongly I have felt a dullness and lack of appetite, but have otherwise been very well. Some of the passengers were miserably sick, especially the ladies, a portion of them being confined to their berths for a week or ten days.

The ship is very large, (registered at 1250 tons) of an elegant model, rides over the waves like a duck, and has the reputation of being one of the fastest sailers & finest vessels in the U. States, having no superior if any equal among that class known as "N. York liners." She was built 2 years ago, has made but 6 voyages across the ocean, one of those being in 14 days and the whole averaging but 21 days a'piece, in length — She carries a long-boat (now filled with sheep, pigs & poultry) two "quarter boats", and a life-boat at the stern; is well protected against lightening having a "conductor" attached She will carry 52 cabin passengers, 480 to each mast. steerage passengers, and a number of 2^d cabin passengers, besides At present there are on board 40 cabin passengers the crew &c. 3 second cabin, do. (servants,) and 72 steerage passengers; the Captain (Henry R. Hovey), 3 mates, steward, stewardess, & 3 or 4 assistants, cook, carpenter, and a crew of about 30. Of the cabin passengers 14 are ladies, 2 are children, five (including your deponent) Lawyers, 3 Doctors, & 1 clergyman – The latter, Rev. W^m Chapman of N.Y city, (accompanied by his wife & little daughter) is a native of Bethel, Maine fitted for College at

Poridata Academy, and the boarded at Unite Brockers: if acquainted with Mr. Adams of Gerham (Kremen der une to bein, by the way and with the Beatif family consequently I have become quite well acquain tel with him -My room mate is named S. B. Brockelmann, a native of Brana but soon a citize of the U.S. agad about 29, a thorough German in tol character, polite, speake French, German & English, is a ween be of a revercantile house in it y . City apparently of good standing and of foreign Connections. I am rouch reminded of Mr. Elijah Nayes by an old office of the British army on boards, major Fagan, are Instance, who has served in British India. Opposite we at table, site an old Scottleman, a Surgeon of Edinburgh more recally of Pais, named Mackenzie, who, with his wife of two daughters is returning to Europe after a visit of to months or so to the U.S. No is what is called a Radical in English politics, advocates Fra trade & universal Suffrage, and get will not bear one word against the ourispotence, the pionice & the over whellung grandeur of England; and afects the cella insignification of the U.S. in comparison well from Butain . as he has, fully developed, a trait which is said to be gente comme among his countrymen, that of disputations sup, we have some among discussions but I believe shall part, the better friends therefor. Sitting opposite to him at table . I can't well avoid such arguments For Several days after we left when york light winds and head winds presailed as include they have being the greater part of the voyage. It has too, been unevenally rainy for this mouth. Two or three days after our departure we fell into the quef stoom. and it was easy to observe live at that distance from its nice, the succentest of the current labout 3 wiles per born and the wouldn'the of the air in deced by the temperature of the water -Her have not met with any very unusual in cidente; have seen Shoals of black fish, two or three Whales, the usual number of Mother Carry Clicked have followed in the wake of the ship. Dearing on a have been very Superstition's about these birds;

Bridgeton Academy, and then boarded at Uncle Crockers; is acquainted with Mr. Adams of Gorham (Remember me to him, by the way) and with the Prentiss family. Consequently I have become quite well acquainted with him.

My roomate is named J. B. Bröckelmann, a native of Bremen, but now a citizen of the U.S. aged about 29, a thorough German in his character, polite, speaks French, German & English is a member of a mercantile house in N. Y. City apparently of good standing and of foreign connections.

I am much reminded of Mr. Elijah Hayes by an old officer of the British army on board, Major Fagan an Irishman, who has served in the British India.

Opposite me at table, sits an old Scotchman, a surgeon of Edinburgh, More recently of Paris, named Mackenzie, who, with his wife & two daughters is returning to Europe after a visit of 10 months or so to the U.S. He is what is called a Radical in English politics, advocated Free trade & universal suffrage, and yet will not hear one word against the omnipotence, the justice & the overwhelming grandeur of England; and asserts the utter insignificance of the U.S. in comparison with Great Britain & as he has, fully developed, a trait which is said to be quite common among his countrymen, that of disputatiousness, we have some amusing discussions but I believe shall part, the better friends therefor. Sitting opposite to him at table, I can't well avoid such arguments. For several days after we left New York light winds and head winds prevailed, as indeed, they have during the greater part of the voyage. It has too, been unusually rainy for this month.

Two or three days after our departure we fell into the Gulf Stream and it was easy to observe even at that distance from its rise, the movement of the current (about 2 miles per hour) and the warmth of the air induced by the temperature of the water – We have not met with any very unusual incidents; have seen shoals of black-fish, two or three whales, the usual numbers of Mother Carey's chickens have followed in the wake of the ship. Seamen are or have been very superstitious about these birds;

believing that in them were embedied the departed spirits of the Soulers. (so they say) and that is kill them would bring bad luck. The have seen several vefuls I and one day hafred within a half hick of the packet slick Garrier bound to N. york, he docks covered with people, probably linegrants. We gave her several hearty cheers: and as the chear of bee paperageis came faintly answering back the felt as deep excitement and a real lemman sympathy. One west have been cruising over the wide ocean for days as we had been, with no land or trace of our fellow ween beyond the narrow limits of the which to unclust and fally the feeling at Sach a women P. It is vay interesting to observe the interchange of segints. when veloces poly each other - By the coder invented by the late labor Mary at, the varies of the velsels are quickly told, and in deed, almost way question or austiver conceivable may readily be expressed. The 10 Anabic recurrents one represented by different members; and of courte, at many different ideas can be represented as there are different permulations of these numbers.

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believing that in them were embodied the departed spirits of old sailors. (so they say) and that to kill them would bring bad luck.

We have seen several vessels; and one day passed within a half mile of the packet-ship Garrick bound to N. York, her decks covered with people, probably emigrants. We gave her several hearty cheers; and as the cheers of her passengers came faintly answering back we felt a deep excitement and a real human sympathy.

One must have been cruising over the wide ocean for days as we had been, with no land or trace of our fellow were beyond the narrow limits of the ship to understand fully the feeling at such a moment. It is very interesting to observe the interchange of signals, when vessels pass ach other – By the code, invented by the late Capt. Marryat, the names of the vessels are quickly told, and indeed almost

The passengers have amused themselves by reading, writing, walking and playing the games of checkers, chess, cards, shovel board, and the school boy games of "Tag" and "Hop-Scotch" – but a very considerable portion of the time we have been confined by the rain to the cabin –

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course, as many different ideas can be represented as there are

different permutations of these numbers.

The 10 Arabic numerals are represented by different numbers; and of

On the two last Sundays we have had divine service, twice each day; Mr. Chapman preaching –

Some few evenings it has been clear; and then we have remained long on deck, the moon being large, and shining beautifully through the lattice-work of sails and rigging, seemingly, with a purer and clearer light than on the land — On the dark evenings, too, it has been very interesting to lean over the side of the ship, and watch the phosphorescent sparkling of the waves, as the ship glided through them.

Ship Deventhere, Monday May 145 We have been for a day or two awardedly looking forward for the sight of land, of Europe, to which we felt we were drawing near, from the increased assumber of refule in right - Last evening we maded on death, for the "Sh. Agues. Light," on the Stilly Isles, had become bedible and this morning. I was roused more effectually from a very drowly condition by bearing one of the paperiges say that Land and in sight ! lepon reacting the deed the first object that were my view was the shore of old England . We was living just off the Lieuce point, and with a glafe could see the livered, and green fields bounded by hedget. In the distance for was seen a villago and its church spice. He feet heavily any appolite for breakfast and just after that went a party of six left the white for or pilot tool where shippie agood to the them a Falmant. land of lodg we have haped in juding on the land though the glap. I at Sunce, we had a high this : a present long more the captain and resolutions were waste, talogistic of him, for which he returned Thanks; toust was given & Spected wester. Porten cutt. Wilmer ay May At 349. On the soil of wery Emplant at last and cafely through my frest allenier conjuge. Were I am! I know you will congratulate me -The spent the delightful days in the leglish channel - Sailing along the sions so replete with historical approxiations of the despose interest, over the very blast where had sailed the slips of the it made, and where The Pilgoin father were construe when looking for the last term on that unworthy rection land of their to which they were bilding such a heroic facund. Yele day meaning on getting our of our bests we found curred we of point " St. albans head" a famour chathy diff, and there no moved rabidly along the beautiful goes coar, studetely with clemeted and guillenens residences, stages & farms, lite cataing the Kerry points of the beautiful Solar, the channel between the Isla of Might and The main land, we sailed close by the stadies, parts Noise lastle for pripriational Normic Castle a relei of the fractal Times with large ingulat Towers, Osborne worse, both their buildings belonging to the Queen, and

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We have been for a day or two anxiously looking forward for the sight of land, of <u>Europe</u>, to which we felt we were drawing near, from the increased number of vessels in sight – Last evening we rushed on deck, for the "St. Agnes Light," on the Scilly Isles, had become visible – and this morning, I was roused most effectually from a very drowsy condition by hearing one of the passengers say that "Land" was in sight. Upon reaching the deck the first object that met my view was the shore of old England – We were lying just off "the Lizard" point, and with a glass could see the houses, and green fields bounded by hedges. In the distance too was seen a village, and its church spire – We felt hardly any appetite for breakfast: and just after the meal a party of six left the ship for a pilot-boat whose skipper agreed to take them to Falmouth. Most of today we have passed in gazing at the land through the glass. At Dinner, we had a high time: a present was made the Captain and resolutions were made, eulogistic of him, for which he returned thanks; toasts were given & speeches made.

Portsmouth. Wednesday. May 16th. 1849. On the soil of merry England at last, and safely through my first Atlantic voyage, here I am! I know you will congratulate me – We spent two delightful days in the English Channel – sailing along the shores so replete with historical associations of the deepest interest, over the very places where had sailed the ships of the "Armada", and where the Pilgrim fathers were coasting when looking for the last time on that unworthy native land of theirs to which they were bidding such a heroic farewell. Yesterday morning, on getting out of our berths we found ourselves opposite "St. Albans head", a famous chalky cliff, and thence we moved rapidly along the beautiful green coast, studded with churches and gentlemen's residences, villages & farms, till entering the narrow mouth of the beautiful Solent, the channel between the Isle of Wight and the main land, we sailed close by the Needles, and past Herne Castle (a (fortification,) Norris Castle, a relic of the feudal times with huge, ivy-clad towers. Osborne House, both these buildings belonging to the Queen, and

Survey ded by noble parks with wading gravelled roads many to the water edge and fact the beautiful billaged of East & H. Course Ryde, Ve to the Anchorage raffer Shit head, off Poils month , them, paperes uncon the Stern of a Shif of the line, to which we gave I cheese the officers returning the complement by taking of their hall les stood off and on till a stoop came alongside to late the papergue ashow. all but 3 of the cabin papergest now got on board this lettle vefact; The ladies was lowered in a chair, with the "lesson fack, wrapped about their feet; and with something of regret we began to more rapidly away from the gallant Stoons here, having given her Three hearty cheere, to which the crew & responded -This die of packets usually land their papergors, and make the very age (when speaking of it) and here: so our papers was in 21 days. Sailing in to the port, with the victory , lying just before us Nelsons flagely at the Battle of Trafalgar, we were tanded at the Gustom bouse, Some what peoplessed by the strange refs of things, by the wine of cabo, forters, boatener, hotel-newment to te)_ The about can home after landing the contails of very trunk were paped: without any difficulty on my part so I had only to pay the outy by weight of about to well ou my books. I found have that one's beliavior, whether civic or otherwise, was reciprocated by the officers - Some of the paper year who understook to gramble a lettle and be sealy, had books conficated, and their baggage thorough teem bled about. I then washed to the Quebec Notes, recommend by Grad Novey, and The Finner I obtained then seemed delicious from its prebuefe -Afterwards I walked about the town, and I suppose galed and stand at everything around me; at an old stone arch, across the street, tabelled " Jacobas Secunded Reg. A.D. 1683, at the antique horses, their Steep roofs covered with red tiles, the narrow & covoked streets, with the people (all of whom looked alike) walking in the six olde of them, and at the wap we and very extensive for tifications, normated with cannon, and pled with red coaled

surrounded by noble parks with winding gravelled roads running to the waters edge; and past the beautiful villages of East and W. Cowes. Ryde, &c to the anchorage called Spit-head; off Portsmouth, there, passing under the stern of a ship of the line, (to which we gave 3 cheers, the officers returning the compliment by taking off their hats) we stood off and on, till a sloop came alongside to take the passengers ashore.

All but 3 of the cabin passengers now got on board this little vessel; the ladies were "lowered" in a chair, with the "Union Jack" wrapped about their feet; and with something of regret we began to move rapidly away from the gallant Devonshire, having given her three hearty cheers, to which the crew &c responded –

This line of packets usually land their passengers, and make the voyage (when speaking of it) end here; so our passage was in 21 days. Sailing into the port, with the "Victory", lying just before us, Nelsons flagship at the Battle of Trafalgar, we were landed at the Custom house, somewhat perplexed by the strangeness of things, by the noise of cabs, porters, boatmen, hotel-runners, &c. &c –

In about one hour after landing the contents of my trunk were passed; without any difficulty on my part, as I had only to pay the duty (by weight of about 70 cents) on my books.

I found here that one's behavior, whether civil or otherwise, was reciprocated by the officers – Some of the passengers who undertook to grumble a little and be surly, had books confiscated, and their baggage thoroughly tumbled about.

I then walked to the Quebec hotel, recommended by Capt. Hovey, and the dinner I obtained there seemed delicious, from its freshness – Afterwards I walked about the town, and I suppose, gaped and stared at everything around me; at an old stone arch, across the street, labelled "Jacobus Secundus Rex. S.D. 1683, at the antique houses, their steep roofs covered with red tiles, the narrow & crooked streets, with the people (all of whom looked alike) walking in the middle of them, and at the massive and very extensive fortifications, mounted with cannon, and filled with red-coated

soldiers - The rampents in the town and the parade generals are covered with green tenf (very refreshing to my eyes after the voyage) and interested with rows of English client, (not like our ours, tall & procedul, but short and state well and with gravelled patter along which was promote acting & willing sum, women & distorew, & arm, sent looking soldred . This morning when I worker, I had the soleful prospect of as heavy Tain & thickly dor to the; so my object in landing been, to go today to the Isle of Kight & through the dockgard, is defeated wately I should travel about in the wind & raing I shall take the rail for Lordan Louden . May , 18 1849 It handle Seems populse that I am writing a little to you from this largest city in the world, this east wafe to greatest ever welleted by burn a hands. I almost doubt my edentity -I left Ports month on Wednesday morning about half past 8, and arrived her at 3 o'close pulses. In was not the expert tain or got along slowly , which I preferred, on account of the ofthe opportunity given for examining the magnificent county, the an immune garden, through which ar polard, the quaint old farmhouses, the bouleful close & regular hidged, and now and them, the elegent house and grounds of some wealth, person -The case ran Smoothly, but they are not so well furnished + carde at our they are called carriage here the road was bruth however , most mapwely, the budges, all of brick, solid and handsometh the heavy I rail used, the depote convenient, the sides of the road covered with flower & cultivated, and partitioned from the fields by beautiful bedges instead of much wromben fences, the Rail and Dervanto very numerous of alla live and wearing a levery-The total, the Smooth carrier roads, the low colleges that that I teled, the old brick barried, the Smooth of lighty cultivist fields, the stout. and healthy people, all things about two were Deply interesting -The houses began to mentify into village, the villages into lage lower, and these finally grew into Landow strelling away as for is the ope could rease, with old "St. Parel" Done towering through the fog and Smoth, and West menter about beautiful lever, and the great borner of Fretament's looning up on our left hand,

soldiers – The ramparts in the town and the parade grounds are covered with green turf (very refreshing to the eyes after the voyage) and intersected with rows of English elms, (not like ours, tall & graceful, but short and "stubbed") and with gravelled paths along which were promenading & riding men, women & children, & many smart looking soldiers.

This morning when I woke, I had the doleful prospect of a heavy rain & thickly, clouded sky; so my object in landing here, to go today to the Isle of Wight & through the dockyards, is defeated unless I should travel about in the mud & rain, – I shall take the cars for London.

London. May, 18th 1849.

It hardly seems possible that I am writing a letter to you from this largest city in the world, this vast mass the greatest ever collected by human hands. I almost doubt my identity —

I left Portsmouth on Wednesday morning about half past 8, and arrived here at 3 o'clock perhaps. It was not the express train & got along slowly, which I preferred, on account of the better opportunity given for examining the magnificent country, like an immense garden, through which we passed, the quaint old farmhouses, the beautiful, close and regular hedges, and now and then, the elegant house and grounds of some wealthy person –

The cars ran smoothly, but they are not so well furnished & made as ours; (they are called carriages here) the road was built however, most massively, the bridges, all of brick, solid and handsome, the heavy T.rail used, the depots convenient, the sides of the road covered with flowers & cultivated, and partitioned from the fields by beautiful hedges instead of rough wooden fences, the Railroad Servants very numerous & attentive, and wearing a livery –

The trees, the smooth carriage-roads, the low cottages thatched & tiled, and healthy people, all things about me were deeply interesting — The houses began to multiply into villages, the villages into large towns, and these finally grew into London, stretching away as far as the eye could reach, with old "St. Pauls" dome towering through the fog and smoke, and Westminster Abbey's beautiful towers, and the great "Houses of Parliament" looming up on our left hand.

The realwood read into the city over the tops of the houses, with which the Depor floor is level, and you go down an artificial hile to get wite the strate. I took a cab, different from ours (lover like a love) have but one horse, however) and come to Audulow Notel, 164, Her st. Whence I am now writing to your. It is seend frequented by Alest icand is contrally totaled labour 1/2 of the distance of theer St. East of Temple Bar , It has been established about at long as ther England has been Settled - It, Huma portably walked part it, wanty some day. My first business was to obtain a Map of London and a quide book, my next to familiarise myself with the toration of the hotel, and my next to look for lodgings. The objects have occupied see the last west -If you will look upon the widerf London, you may see a street called Essey street, running from the Strand to the river Thamas, just west of the collection of buildying called the Temple, and of Temple Bar. Alee Thave a bed-room 4 good setting-room the apartments on gent ly let together for 10/- Stiling per week in the board of a Mer Dielles a confectionies nearly at the head of the street. Ledgings can be obtained in no decent place hader 1/2 per right or 1/2 por wak-The location of these I have taken is central as far as the sights are concerned and Expecially Se for convenienced_ They wear, though hid by buildings are the Tedaple gardens, and at the foot of the Street is a river-steamboat whoof, while at its heart, our nibus'is are constantly passing - Please write to me soon; write a long letter, and get every body else who will to add to it -Address it simply to Baring , Brother & Go, No. 8. Bishops gate Street within ; the addition of the site almi of my lodgings would might bance me to love the letter, as With much love & regard to all who will receive it, I remain very truly, your affectionate son Josiah . Prica-for Mon Joseph . Purce. gorham . Maine. 11.8 of la America

The railroad runs into the city over the tops of the houses, with which the depot floor is level, and you go down an artificial hill to get into the streets – I took a cab, different from ours (more like a coach) having but one horse, however) and came to Andertors Hotel, 164. Fleet St. whence I am now writing to you. It is much frequented by Americans, is centrally located (about 1/3 of the distance of Fleet St. East of Temple Bar). It has been established about as long as New England has been settled — Dr. Johnson probably walked past it, nearly every day.

My first business was to obtain a Map of London and a guide-book, my next to familiarize myself with the location of the hotel, and my next to look for lodgings.

These objects have occupied me till last night —

If you will look upon the map of London, you may see a street called Essex Street, running from the Strand to the river Thames, just west of the collection of buildings called the Temple, and

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of Temple Bar - Here I ^ have a bed-room & good sitting -room shillings

(the apartments are generally let together) for 10^ - Sterling per week, in the house of a Mr. Miller, a confectioner nearly at the head of the street. Lodgings can be obtained in no deent place under 1/- per night or 7/- per week — The location of those I have taken is central as far as the "sights" are concerned and especially so for conveniences — Very near, though hid by buildings are the Temple gardens, and at the foot of the street is a river-steamboat wharf, while at its head, omnibus'es are constantly passing — Please write to me soon; write a long letter, and get every body else who will to add to it —

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Address it simply to $^{\circ}$ "Baring , Brothers & Co, No. 8. Bishops gate within", the addition of the situation of my lodgings would might cause me to lose the letter, as I may change them — With much love & regard to all who will receive it, I remain

Very truly, your affectionate son
Hon. Josiah . Pierce.
Gorham . Maine.
U. S of N.America

[written sideways across middle of text:] Hon. Josiah Pierce Gorham Maine