



Havre, France.  
30 October. 1873 -  
My dear Cousin,  
With the death of our good  
old Aunt, some arrangements must  
follow regarding the old place which  
has been such a pleasant home  
to all of us - but I hope as little  
change as possible - If it is  
agreeable to the other heirs, I am  
disposed to purchase the whole  
property at a fair valuation, and  
I should be glad if that takes place,  
to have you remain there with  
Charles & Nancy on some terms

Havre, France.  
30 October. 1873.

My dear Cousin,

With the death of our good  
old Aunt, some arrangements must  
follow regarding the old place which  
has been such a pleasant home  
to all of us - but I hope as little  
change as possible - If it is  
agreeable to the other heirs, I am  
disposed to purchase the whole  
property at a fair valuation, and  
I should be glad if that takes place,  
to have you remain there with  
Charles & Nancy on some terms

Contributed to Maine Memory Network by an individual through  
Maine Historical Society

MMN #36074

Date: Oct. 30, 1873

Description: Josiah Pierce to Phebe Sanborn

which would be practicable and  
pleasant to all - It is rather  
premature for me perhaps to offer  
anything now, & I do not know  
enough of what can be done or  
what you & Charles would like  
to try to do, to say anything very  
positively - but if the place is  
conveyed to me, I may say that  
it would hardly seem like home  
without you there, and I should  
think you would like to remain  
where you have lived so many  
years - My present idea is that  
I would come there to pass the  
summer - and that my sister

which would be practicable and  
pleasant to all - It is rather  
premature for me perhaps to offer  
anything now, & I do not know  
enough of what can be done or  
what you & Charles would like  
to try to do, to say anything very  
positively - but if the place is  
conveyed to me, I may say that  
it would hardly seem like home  
without you there, and I should  
think you would like to remain  
where you have lived so many  
years - My present idea is that  
I would come there to pass the  
summer - and that my sister

Eliza and brother George might  
always come - & with my fathers  
books & such of my own as I  
might keep, we could all have  
a pleasant life - Perhaps you  
and Charles might like to take  
a long lease of the place, with  
reservation of the South side of  
the house for me when I came -  
and that I might supply funds  
for repairing the buildings at  
first, & furnishing such stock  
and farming tools as would be  
requisite for carrying on the farm,  
to raise hay & apples chiefly,  
& most of the food for consumption,

Eliza and brother George might  
always come - & with my fathers  
books & such of my own as I  
might keep, we could all have  
a pleasant life - Perhaps you  
and Charles might like to take  
a long lease of the place, with  
reservation of the South side of  
the house for use when I came -  
and that I might supply funds  
for repairing the buildings at  
first, & furnishing such stock  
and farming tools as would be  
requisite for carrying on the farm,  
to raise hay & apples chiefly,  
& most of the food for consumption

and perhaps have a hired man -  
I want you to think over all this,  
and if you can write me any proposal  
from yourself & Charles, or give me  
any advice, I beg you will kindly  
do so. I remember a talk we had  
on the subject, & have never thought  
of any other plan - My address  
is at 12 Beaufort Gardens,  
Brompton Road, London -

With kindest regards to yourself,  
Charles, Nancy & all old friends  
I remain, my dear cousin,  
affectionately yours,  
Josiah Pierce.

Mrs. Elizabeth F. Sanborn.

and perhaps have a hired man -  
I want you to think over all this,  
and if you can write me any proposal  
from yourself & Charles, or give me  
any advice, I beg you will kindly  
do so. I remember a talk we had  
on the subject, & I have never thought  
of any other plan - My address  
is at 12 Beaufort Gardens,  
Brompton Road, London -  
With kindest regards to yourself,  
Charles, Nancy & all old friends  
I remain, my dear cousin,  
Affectionately yours,  
Josiah Pierce.

Mrs. Elizabeth F. Sanborn -