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Description: Benjamin Cole to his son

Sebago Nov 4 1862
Dear Charles

I now improve
the present opportunity to write
you a few lines We have not received
any letter from you sence I wrote
to you last I wrote to you Oct 26
we received a letter from you Oct 25
We expected a letter from you
to day but we was disaponted
We are all well at at present
and we hope these lines will find
you the same your uncle Charles
has had a letter from your uncle
Joseph he is well and likes well
he is in Hagerstown, Md
the people this way thinks the war
will be setteled up this winter
we all hope that it will be
tell Ira Haley and Milton Perce
that I saw there Fathers to day

They were well, and all the
families of the soldiers are well
as far as I know,
Charles your Mother thinks a
site about you and thinks stran-^(ge)
becus we have not had but one letter
from you since you left Portland
But we do not think you have
forgoten us, Charles dont fail
to write as soon as you git this
and let us know how you like
how you fair &c &c if you want
money or any thing that we can
git to you, you shall have it
Charles be stidy and take care of
your self if you are are sick let
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From your Father
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Dear Brother

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scrabble you a few lines to let
know how we get along here in
Sebago I go to school now but
I dont suppose I had not ~~ought~~ ought
to Father has not ~~got~~ got his plowing
done yet. I went down to mud
city to day and ^{had} my picture taken
and it is blacker than any Contraband
you will see while you are gone
father has got his cider made
he made eleven barrels we are
going to keep some of it till you
come home, you must expect
some letters after Silas comes to school
he is a coming next Monday
I cant think of any thing more
so I will draw to a close and give
Ella a chance, H H Cole
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asleep marm sits by the stove
Frankie sits by the side and looking
on ^{and} telling me to write some
thing about him he wants to see
you very much marm sends her
love to you and shall be glad when
you come home, Horatio went
down to the office today but he
did not get my letter from you
marm says she shall have to go
before we get one write as often
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