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which there have probably been 20 or 30 deaths
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either at Boston or New York in proportion to
the No. of Inhabitants. Persons attacked frequently
do not live more than 5 or 6 hours. —
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which arrived here yesterday from Boston were
taken this morning about 5 o'clock and
before 2 o'clock P.M. were all dead and buried
I spent ^{your} it has been a gloomy day here
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many cases in the street where my office
is. It being the location of many Irish -
If the cholera should increase I think I
shall go to Portland altho I suppose if
I should leave I should lose my situation
dont let this alarm you for I am
very well now and am very carefull of
my diet - I have that more of home the
last week than ever before - I have that
much about dear Franks going away
+ feel as if I could not let him go, it
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