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My Dearst Lucretia

This afternoon in the midst of business Mr Webb called with your letter. He could not stop a moment & I had just time then to glance over it – now it is almost 9. I have just got through my Days work & taken my bowl of milk & bread – & I now sit down with great pleasure to write you a few lines. – Your letter is a messenger of great events – I doubt I know when such a feeling had come over me as when I read your account of your beginning to wean Little Eunice, the Dear Little creature. it had actually made me shed tears so gently has she yielded to a deprivation which must be almost life to her & the reason of which she cannot understand – What must she think when the mother from which she has & is drawing her very life & happiness refuses her nourishment – but her affection is the most touching part of it – for she "kisses the rod that smites her," I never before thought of that change in our existence – but I can now sympathies in your feelings on the Subject & gladly would I extend my sympathy to our Dear Little Daughter & cheer her on & gladden her little heart under this great deprivation which she is now <u>first</u> called to endure – But this is one consolation – she will soon get over – it is only a temporary evil among then many we must suffer in this our Earthly pilgrimage – I think by indulging her a little & at the same time accustoming her to the spoon, she will get over it pretty easily – I am thankful that she manifests so good a Disposition. I hope it may never be soured or made unlovely. – I should like to have a few of those little kisses that you speak of. Did you ever receive their like before? So Sarah has a Daughter, I give her much joy – remember me affectionately to her & John – Your mother is very kind to her poor children, I

with you to remember me appectionately, to her of your fathers _ I have got mid offering cough sleven one Atte Flaund shirts you beat me over the old totend our share on when it laune for the weather has been cold. I am yet plattered up - Landery hight should top to some lipidly a language - (2 to 1) - to thith any disposition to longh, - the difficulty is remove a deficill be very cauful in future, I am going losely one a hair of boots with look boals as boon as clean they will cost of so. but them is nothing the here that will keep the water out. I have to the water out bought any - I have bought some clother for Drawers of the mehair bright any - I have bought some cloth for Drawers of the fore of make a love policy with forcher or huy bed: - are string clical Califor. I to the long trave is dead - other board would the Davis of the Vinis Wave is dead - other board would the Davis of the Vinis Wave is dead - other board - His mate dead a few days before him. I written to out them loast - His mate dead a few days before him. I written or takelbourn on the Keuruke - I was depending a his for him which by his death abates, or ceases -

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wish you to remember me affectionately to her & your father – I have got rid of my cough I wear one of the flannel shirts you sent me over the old tatered one I had on when it came, for the weather has been cold, I am yet plastered up – & Sunday night I had to get some squills & Paragoric – (2 to 1) – to stop any disposition to cough, – The Difficulty is removed & I shall be very careful in future, I am going to get me a pair of boots with cork soals as soon as I can they will cost \$6.50. - but there is nothing else here that will keep the water out – In regard to Flannel shirts you must have misunderstood me – I have not cotton

bought any – I have bought some ^ cloth for Drawers & got one pair made – & some cheap calico. 8 cts a yd, to make a Comforter of at present I spread my Cloak & great Coat on my bed. –

One of my clients Capt Lewis of the Brig Wave is dead-& his vessel wrecked the same day he died in the late storm on our southern coast – His mate died a few days before him. I presume of yellow fever – The poor man leaves a family at Hallowell or Vasselborrow on the Kennebec – I was defending a suit for him – which by his death <u>abates</u>, or ceases -

Yesterday I rec'v'd a letter from a gentleman in Wilton, Me, wishing me to make enquiries for a poor woman's husband – down in Leeds, Me, – The wretch deserted her leaving with her one child – & has come here & married again if report is true. I have not yet been able to make inquiry, but I find by looking at the Directory that he lives here. – Truly the heartlessness of this world is sometimes enough to sicken one — treachery, perfidy – cruelty – what is there not in the heart of man to mar and deface it beauty & loveliness – But from such thoughts I gladly turn – I will try & finish this sheet & send it tomorrow – God bless you Mother & Daughter - now & gentle slumber in each others arms – I will seek the same solitary & alone. –

Most affectionately your own K.B.Sewall -

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Dearest Lu,

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Saturday & I have not yet finished your ^ letter yet - Mr Pinkham goes on today - I have just got a letter from John - I saw Mr Balch to day, his children have been very sick – especially Daniel – Also one from Ben, who says he has seen you. I expect him here in a few days --My health is good – weather cold, I must provide something for my bed. — Mrs Gerard thinks very highly of me as a teacher - [?] is furious for House Keeping – Next Monday appear in the Maine Court as Plaintiff's Attorney & in the Court of Chancy in my own Defence — I am very busy – Joseph must not be out of practice for [?] &c, – they are only waiting for a loving [?] – write me often, John says "little Eu. is a precious little thing. I love her as if she were my own" — Adieu, God bless you.

Your own Sewall