

Dear Son Philip

We Received Yours, of the 24th Ultima with the News
Paper. We are always happy to Receive any Communica-
tion, from you. It is Exceeding fine weather now, The Carts are
Just going off with flour to the Landing, Capt. Conklyn does not
go again, The Overseer, Williams was here Yesterday he Wanted
the ferry. The House opposite the ferry is let for 50£ a year to
Robert Williams. Dyckman Could not get security by that time
limited so I must let it to Williams.

I have let Mr Oakley know that the Rent of the
Ferry, House, & garden is 100 dollars, but the whole as Dyckman
had; was 100 £, now if you will let me know soon what you
think to let Oakley have so as to make the Rent 100 £ or
what privilege, if any; I will fix it with him when he
comes to me which must be ~~left~~ fore the 1st of February
as then he must give up where he is -

Titus is gone down to Mr Beckman, I shall hear by
him from Thru, and will inform you further. The Croton
is open it has been froze over for a few day James Lawler,
bridge is a publick Service, Your Mother and Cate with
Piers all join in wishing a great many happy years,
Am Your Loving Father

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Dear Mother

Dear Mother

I have just received your letter of the 26th inst. and am
glad to hear from you. I am well and hope these few
lines will find you the same. I have not much news to
write at present. I am still in the same place and
continue to study. I have just finished a book on
the history of the United States and am now reading
one on the history of the world. I am also reading
some of the best authors and am much improved
in my knowledge. I have also been thinking much
of late and am more settled in my mind. I am
grateful for the love and care of my friends and
hope to be able to do something for them in the
future. I am, dear Mother, ever your affectionate
son.