

Boston Jan 9th 1834

Dear Papa

We received your letter on Tuesday but not time enough to answer it by that days Mail and as the General went up on Wednesday we thought you had got through your business and would be home before a letter could reach you but as we have been disappointed in seeing you & then got down to write you a few lines Mamma says she has heard nothing from Dr Cooke respecting what you wrote her about

Mamma and Catherine have colds the rest of the family are all very well The Scarlet fever is quite prevalent in the neighbourhood I had a letter

from Sarah this morning she informed
me of the death of Mr Bliken he died
in a fit and his grandchildren who died
with the scarlet fever Mr Westbols had
also lost his youngest daughter with
it she died on Monday she was sick
but four days I have not time to say
more in haste

Your affectionate daughter
Joanna

Joanna Van Wijk
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