

Addressed to: Richard M. Lovett Newcastle Me

Lincolnvile April 30th 1832

Dear Martin

We received yours of the 15th and were pleased to hear from you and our friends and their welfare and health.

We through the helping of a kind providence are in tolerable health though I as for a number of years have been rather feeble.

Mary's family have all got well

Nancy & family went from here Friday all well

We have had several sudden deaths among us of late amongst the yong people

Widow ?? Knights son Frances very suddenly about 48 hours from perfect health, also Phillip thomases oldest daughter so w?? the yong may die as well as the old

The weather is very cold for the season

hay is very scarce indeed

I should think that ?? often are buyers ?? is the Joseph to which all go for store

I to have to go this weak or go with out very ??

I have pinched my young stock too much already

allmost all our neighbors has lost more or less stock

I have lost a number of lambs and before the snow storm Saturday which fell about 4 inches I had fifteen

I am all alone at present and see no prospect of being any other ways.

Nobody to hire for love or money. Which I have little of either but providence provides and I don't entirely despair

Pray martin be not so vain Consider the Bible tells us we must give account to God for every idle word.

A word about Luther's place you wish to know he says he shan't sell too cheep now as he should when you was at home last but don't know but he may not for if he don't sell before but means to improve the first??

We wish you all the happiness you can enjoy in this world but remember your creator in the day of thy youth
From your loving Father & Mother Robt & Nancey Lovett

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