

December the 8th 1846

Dear husband i received your letter Saturday eve and was glad to hear you was getting better of your lameness and likewise to hear of the boys good healths it found a number of invalids at home i have not been able to do but very little for a number of weeks my side was very lame and my cough very bad indeed and then i could not see out of one eye for two or three days but i am getting better and i feel quite encouraged Mary Ann was taken about a week ago with a violent pain in one of her legs so that she could not move it. we have to lift her from one bed to the other the Doctor calls it a milk leg i am in hopes it will not last long. Alessina is pepend of with the measles to day pretty well i felt rather sorry she should have them just now on account of the school the rest of the family is well. i have not been to port land since you left William has been talking about going for some time but he has not got ready yet i was in hopes to have gone myself before this and got those papers but i have not been able but i hope to be done. i spoke to William about your having an offer for the Don and he mentioned it to his father and mr Allen but they did not seem to care much about it and the Doctor says he can say for one he does not want to sell. i was in hopes you would sell and come home and spend the winter we sent out your boots and a few other articles by Capt Marston but we hear he has got ashore on Long Island