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Hartford June. 12. 1813.

Dear Cousin.

I have just read a letter addressed to father from you at Ballston. I am astonished and I must say vexed that you have twice written to Father in preference to me, - when you are in debt for three. The letters I have so often written must have miscarried ^{see other page.} or you could not be so cold to the calls of a friend, who would, I sincerely say it, sacrifice almost every thing for your sake. Have you indeed forgotten the many, many, happy moments we passed together in our quiet retreat at Cheshire? I thought when we parted that I should always love you - and I cherish the fond hope that my affection would meet with an equal return. - Oh! Intrepid, if you knew how much I was interested in your welfare, you would not ^{delay} hesitate writing immediately. - I have a great deal to say to you of the trials, temptations and events that have so rapidly succeeded each other since your departure, - which can not be communicated ~~by paper~~ and only by meeting face to face. - I am now studying French at Hartford under Mr. Value and shall continue receiving lessons through the summer. We had uncle Dudley and Lacey, Uncle Baruch & Benjamin here at election. Uncle D. staid a few days & then went on with Mr. Bradley to Congress.

Uncle Barnum leaving Benjamin (now at Cheshire) returned home the next day. Soon after uncle D was gone, Aunt Mother & myself took a journey to Preston through Norwich. - The travelling was very agreeable in every respect, except it was rather warm. After remaining in that country a week we passed through Plainfields on our way home where I met with Mr Paynes family formerly of Randolph. - It was with the greatest impatience I returned to Hartford expecting a letter from you. Judge what was my disappointment. - - Elmore (or Salmon.) was here to return with aunt. I wish, I anticipate, he had, - I wish he had a ~~little~~ more experience. Would you believe it he has enlisted into the U. S. Army. And he even wishes to associate with the troops here in town. Could you but once behold these miserable creatures you would exclaim "Alas for my country when its honour is defended by such wretches as these". There has been a great deal of trouble with them too tedious for me to write & unentertaining for you to hear. One anecdote I can not help repeating. Purson Flint, Sunday before last took this text "Fear God & Honour the King." A soldier, originally a sailor from the frigate Macedonian, bellowed out from the gallery. "Awst there all hands by Jassus I'll have nothing but Honour the Congress!" He had never been in a church or meeting-house before. His officer after service threatened him very much. "Ah" said he "if the fellow spoke five words more I'd haul'd him out of his brink".

Dear Cousin
I have not my wish to condemn any person or injure
them by words or deed. Yet I cannot express my abhorrence to a certain
action of that same Doctor. I asked Salmon if he had known
any thing concerning Entrepres not receiving my letters. (for I then
wrote six & you acknowledged only 2.) He said that Caroline
brought down a number of letters from Randolph
D. and among them was one for you. The D. mth who
in his own broke it open. What a poor pitiful excuse you
do not wish to condemn him perhaps it does so. Parker in
giving rise to his suspicions that my other letters were serv^d
in an unbecoming manner, and that he took them upon mistake,
them for his own. If this is the case your silence is
- counted for. One thing I charge you, never let them know
how you are acquainted with their conduct. If you do
will only ones have taken measures to have them returned or
else sent to you. I have seen a woman who in a former letter
in a very precarious state of health, & fast recovering. I
have seen her disturbed with Mrs Daggett. The last scene was
so very affecting I almost burst into tears. How then must
it be affecting someone in Mr Daggett when the subject is concerning
a son now in the grave. Oh she is a woman whom
I love & revere.

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