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Hartford July 17th - 1816.

K. Ch. 160917

Dear Brother,

Your favour of the 11th inst. is this moment recd. In reading it, I feel a great disappointment, mingled, I confess, with much gratitude, that you and yours are well and remember us with fraternal affection.

Your request that we should all come up to see you can not be fulfilled, for several reasons. - among the which are the following. George is in college; and after his long absence thence to attend me in my last sickness, must ~~attend~~ ^{ably himself} strictly to his studies. Whilander, after discharging the manifold duties of Major Domo, during the same eventful period, must now make up for lost time in preparing for Cambridge. "The Boy of all boys", Dudley, subsisting as yet, on the nourishment of "Old Brown", and having an apparatus, to carry the process to that effect, equal, at least, to that of Dartmouth Laboratory, can not be started from his moorings at present. There if no other would be the execution of such a project. But there is another reason more potent than all. The want of money. So great a want as to precludes

idea of a journey, even the favourite one so—
strongly urged by my physicians & friends, for myself.
— This day a bill of \$250. from N. Orleans, which I
had negotiated at the Phoenix Bank, was returned
from Bristol R.I. protested: and I have the money
unexpectedly to raise. The Paris h, also, are unpre-
cedently in the arrears with me. In short, my purse
is empty and I know not whence to replenish it.
I did hope to see you, that we might lay some
plan together. But I see this can't be; so I must
plan for myself; and bear up manfully under my
burdens. I had ten thousand things to say to you, in
great confidence and love. — But these must, (as it
perhaps is best they should) be unsaid — or muttered
alone by myself. So no more of self or of friend wishes.

Thanks to a kind Providence we are all as
well in health as we could reasonably expect after
our late sufferings. I this day rode in a carriage
— tho' but on a walk the whole of the way. I found
some relief from despondency in any, even the least,
amendment of my poor shattered frame. God grant
I may continue to recover.

You say, not a word of the coldness of the season with
you. It has been unusually severe with us - May but
half a crop - gardens one month behind what has been
usual. Corn in general very poor. Sunday before
last we wanted fires to make us feel our usual com-
forts. Who ever knew this in our latitude on the
1st of July? - I almost long for the warmth of
the south.

My dear wife, Aunt Mother - and all
our family desire to be kindly remembered
to all their friends. —

I wish your wife were to see our Little Dew
- A fine boy is not to be found among us.
It seems he was formed to bow the hearts of all
who see him. Next Sunday, if God permit
he will be baptized by the H:D. Chas Spon- by Proxy
That you'll think of me in your prayers
is my earnest desire - that you are most
devoutly remembered in mine, I assure
you. Most affectionately, your Brother
Phil^r Chas

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