

Princeton Aug. 31. 1839

Dear Sister,

I sent myself
this fine cool afternoon to have
a chat with them far away from home.
We are having nice cool weather
just now. - I hope it will be lasting.
Sunday was a real cool day. I did not
go anywhere. In the afternoon Mrs.
Hopkins & three of her children viz
James, Susan & Sarah. (her second baby
as she calls her) came in here as hills.
They came to see us in the forenoon.
Susan, James & Rebecca came up here
with them. Caroline Tappan is at
her father's. ~~Her~~ Her husband has
been in business at Georgetown city
for about a year. They all appear to
like the west well, but still don't
go into such raptures about it as Mrs.
Hiram Barker. Susan Hopkins said
she had rather live in N. J. at present

she liked the west, very well on some
accounts. James is un'ant, & out farmers
dont want to go east, to live, but rather
go further west, where land is plenty
& cheap. — By the way there is a chance
for you, as he is not married or
working, as I have heard of. —

They inquired about Mrs. W. & her
folks, & said give their love to them,
when I wrote them. I dont know when
I shall write them, so will send it
to them by Abel or you. Tell them
Mrs. Hopkins is very much out of health
this summer. they fear he has the
Consumption.

I suppose you are
now teaching in District No. 4. now,
all just give some of these "beat in"
"switching" for me. Expect she will
visit the school about "nine days in a
week". Whenever she thinks of anything
she wants to say to you away she will
run, it is so near home. Give my
love to Lizzy Potter, & tell her she
had better be careful how she talks
about father. Hope she dont wish me

any such misery as that, I expect. I
dont sup tomorrow to help, & show me
about some sewing. Wish you was
here to do part of it. "I dont like to say"
"I dont". Samuel has gone to LeClave
today. Horace is out, hires fixing a job.
Says write "love for you all", for him.

By the way we have lots of nice water
& muskmelons now - dont you wish
you had some of them? Do you have
plenty at home this year?

And write she should not send the
sleeve, and account, of the letter's being
heavy, & said she wouldnt "write as much
next week", & so send it. Just say to her
or she can read it herself — that there
is no hurry about the "sleeve". I had rather
have one good long letter than a day
sleeves. There must be some wise men
in "uncle Sam's" employ, if they cant
tell the difference between R. I. & L. H.
Give another lot of love, from me
I dont think of much more to say to you this
time, so think I will write father on the
other page of this. Love sometimes, & by

the more & everything has gone to the King. My love
and love. You must ~~to~~ write me all
often that letter, but I will write more
as usual. Perhaps you will think this is
this year. I will give the former's next evening
the year & after we rather seem to have
to have a kind of party and that evening
to meet them, where I shall be in attendance
and you, and with a great deal of joy
which I have. I'll never do with the
I will be to attend a meeting at the
I'll often think I shall never again be
a kind, but it is impossible at present
of those good meetings that you make
at last, I wish I could attend some
and I hope I have done more of business
something that didn't agree with him;
and those deep had in about. I feel better
and I hope has not been with you
with the hope all of you are enjoying good
with the promise of attending you by
I am & thank

My dear father,
Aug. 20th. 1839.

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