

West Cambridge Nov 31st 1840

My Dear Brother I wrote to you at ? New Orleans and as I have not received an answer I suppose you did not receive it. I came from Northfield the Monday before Thanksgiving left Mary Ann up there. I shall return next Monday to stay 'till Spring. I have not much to write you now as there is nothing new. Old Tip is elected President of the U. S. I found the family very well situated Father has been out on a collecting expedition : made out very well; he has gone again, was not at home Thanksgiving day; he expected to be gone 5 or 6 weeks. I have about concluded to buy the Wheeler place where we lived last year 2800 Dollars; cheap! I am glad to hear that you fare better than you did on board the Moscow. Low devil he was! He received 500 dollars from the underwriters as a present for the good management of the ship during the gale and for his good judgement in repairing her. Pretty profitable voyage for him. How do you like Capt Hopkins? Aunt Sukey is going to be married soon to Joseph Mott(?) Esq of West Cambridge Fish Monger. Louisa Crosby is married and will probably have an heir (or perhaps you wont understand) so I will say baby in 5 or 6 months. Capt Bowers arrived in Boston last week; I have not seen him. How does Capt Cooper do! They tell me he grew great deal last voyage. I should like to see him! Hope I shall when you again return. We had a very pleasant Thanksgiving considering the absent members. Now I must close with a wish that you may have a pleasant voyage and give one hurrah for Old Tip Hurrah!!!!!!

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