

Providence 20<sup>th</sup> July 1848

Dear Brother

I saw by the papers this morning your arrival in Boston. I received your letter from N. Orleans and hope you are better now than you were there, I shall be in Boston tomorrow morning at ½ past 8, with Sarah the children and lots of other truck bound for Andover to spend a few weeks. I shall probably go on with them and return again soon We would like to see you at the Prov. depot if you can be spared from the vessel a short time. Sarah probably wont stop but a few minutes in Boston. Emma has the whooping cough, & George will have it. If you dont get this letter soon enough to see us, I will see you before I leave Boston for Prov, I saw Mary Ann last week at Beverly.

Your aff Brother Oliver

Address on envelope:

Mr Stephen P. Blake

Mate Ship Ellen Brooks

Boston

Note on envelope:

Mother 1

Varnum 2

Eliza? 3

Uncle A 4

Mr Short? 5