Spalacista May 7th 1865

D. Sister Minnert

Your kind letter was only received, was certainly happy to hear of your good health & safe arrival at home. My health is perfect good for one, please breathe agreeably well with me. — I received a letter from home — a few days before your arrival, Mother was rather unwell a little cold, but as you made no mention of her health, presumed she was recovered. — You say you received a letter from Joshua directed to me. Was happy to hear of your arrival, as I have not seen the return reported in the papers since he left Boston. — With you last fall never the letter is still as it was directed to me. Suppose you wrote all the news of importance — I am now nearly ready for Boston, although contrary to any orders or intentions when I left Boston. But am in hopes of nothing this year. (more than I know of) to meet Joshua — & David at home this Summer — so we have not all been at home together for the last 12 years. Since which time two have been taken away, very sudden & unlooked for — but probably the most robust & healthy of the family. — You say Joshua makes a great profit on the goods he brings at Boston. 15° per. I am glad to hear one of the family is doing & they am in life in course of time (if the Lord enjoys health). Shall haste to assist one another — although I feel better now as I shall probably be out of business when I return to Boston. — My best respects to all your fellow Methodists. I deem you very —
You mention in your letter that you have been at home a few days. As the
measure of living is a life of leisure. I suppose 1 have time	 would have changed the name of one more of the family. However, presume he will come some time. When he returns from this voyage. I probably a goodly number to celebrate the
great time (as many call it). Think for one I shall sit myself
in the way to get a slice of cake. — that by you

Mrs. Colman Law

I am happy to hear you & the lady down the hill are intimate. Hope you will continue to— thank you will find a true friend void of affection
of a sound & intelligent mind & Co. I hope you the lady. My love & respects
do not give up. — I understand that your acquaintance. Resuming a position for yourself

You will please after reading these lines neatly turn or a pile three sheets, not lose
them on the shelf. Open to public eye. Whatever may transpire. Get this thing with others.
D. Sister Minerva

Your kind letter was duly received. was extremely happy to hear of your good health & saft arrive at home E. Dennis. My health is quite good for me. Warm weather agrees very well with me. – I received a letter from home – a few days before yours, stateing Mother was rather unwell a bad cold. but as you make no mention of her health presume she has recovered. – You say you received a letter from Joshua directed to me. was happy to hear of his arrival, as I have not Seen the vessel reported in the papers Since he left Boston. although contra to my orders or intentions when I left Boston, but am in hopes if nothing happens, (more than I know of) to meet Joshua & David at home this Summer, as we have not all been at home together for the last 12 years, Since which time two have been taken away, very Sudden & unlooked for – two probably the most robust & healthy of the family[8]

You say Joshua Makes a decent profit on the goods he bought at Boston, 150 prd I am glad to hear one of the family is doing something am in hopes in course of time (if we live & enjoy health) shall be able to assist one another – although I feel rather poor as I shall probably be out of business when I return to Boston. – my luck ([--]ys at home not so with you fellow, me thinks I hear you say – [over page] You mention in your letter, Joel has been at home a few days. he has the pleasure of Seeing his S-in law married, & I suppose if he had time, would have changed the name of one more of the family however, presume he will have ample time, when he returns from this voyage, & probably a goodly number to celibrate the grand time (as many call it). think for one I shall put myself in the way to get a slice of cake – what say you –

I am happy to hear you & the Lady down the hill are intimate. hope you will continue so – think you will find a true friend void of affectation a sould & inteligent mind &c. please give the Lady my best respects also others of my acquaintance, reserving a portion for yourself you will plase after reading these lies destroy them or keep them secret, not have them on the shelf, open to public eye, & expose my nonsense, & so doing you will oblige

Your Affectionate Brother

E Sears

I sent you these lines enclosed with Hemans letter, as you both wrote on one sheet, I do the same thusly saving on postage – I shall probably be ready to sail from here by or before the 15th have been detained a few days on account of stormy weather. – I have two small Pigs on board for Mother. you can have one should you like the domestic animal

You made quite a long visit at Harwich, but I suppose the time passed off swift as it generally does with old friends or in good company. I was expecting you home before I left, as those shirts you made for me do not fit first rate, you will probably have another go at them when I return.