

Ashburnham Oct 19 1822

Dear nephew

Yours inclosing the Mr. Trapp Sermon I recd  
directly. I give you many thanks. The sermon  
was very good, & so was y<sup>r</sup> charge, right hand  
advice. I hope my brother Alden will enjoy  
much pleasure & happiness in his colleague,  
when you see him you may give my kind & af-  
fectionate regards to him. There are now but  
four ministers in y<sup>r</sup> State who are my seniors,  
Three of them have or have had colleagues. Dr

Sumner has had three, is now alone, his first  
I put one sermon after his Ordination - the

second this year. enjoyed y<sup>r</sup> health for he has  
gone with the public services to visit  
some among the well, this week. I have  
been unwell. G. M. Lushington who has been free this  
two years was fined positive fine with Deputy  
Swa, but rich with death, & in a manner

to be better than before her sickness. we consider  
it somewhat remarkable that she should survive such  
a shock in her feeble state. But the time of our Depar-  
ture is nigh at hand, we are old people, have lived to  
getter some over 53 years, I want but a few days  
of 54 years since my Ordination I am now past 70  
years.

we have had a fruitful summer tho in June the prof  
rest was flowing. It seemed as if there wd not be half  
they said for 4 bushels, but was gracious & sent rain so that  
there has been as good crops as common, & I never saw  
more fall feed. Fruit is in abundance. In many pla-  
ces do not think they cannot get apples to hold all the  
Cyder. It may be had for 50 cents or less a Barrel -  
Men will let others come & pick up if apples & make  
the Cyder for 25 cents per barrel. The Ladies  
bountiful & deal with us infinitely better than we  
deserve.

I wish you the blessings of Heaven, with those supports  
which you need in your solitary condition & I  
that all things may work together for your  
good. We desire to be affectionately remembered to  
you & your Mother & Sister. My son & daughter  
& my daughter & wife live with us & take care  
for you.

I am yours Affly

John Lushing

Sept 21  
1866

Free

Nathan Stone Esq. P.M.

Dennis

County of Barnstable

[1822-10-19 John Cushing; folded letter, addressed "Nathan Stone Esq. P.M., Dennis, County of Barnstable"; ink has tremendous bleed-through on the paper and nearly illegible in places:]

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Dear nephew

Yours inclosing there Mr Fays Sermon I rec<sup>d</sup> directly. I give you many thanks. The Sermon was very good, & so was y<sup>e</sup> Charge, right Hand & address. I hope my brother Alden will enjoy much pleasure & Happiness in his Colleague. when you see Him you may give my kind & affectionate regards to Him. There are now but four ministers in y<sup>e</sup> State who are my Seniors, those of them have or have had Colleagues. D<sup>n</sup> Sumner has had two, is now alone, his first [torn]d first one Sermon after his Ordination – the [torn] [???]p

I have this year enjoyed good Health; But [????] [????] go[?] there with the public service, [??] Visit[?] [??] sick & some among the West, this week I [???] been unwell. M<sup>rs</sup> Cushing who has been sic[??] that two years was faild p[??]time Since with Dysentery & was brot nigh unto Death, [torn] [??] [???] lea[torn] to be better then before hur sickness. we consider it some what remarable tht she should survive such a shock in her feeble State. But the Time of our Departure is nigh at hand, we are old people, have lived to gether since over 53 years, & wants but a few days of 54 years since my Ordination. I am now past 78 years. [over page]

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I wish you the Blessing of Heaven & those supports which you need in your Solitary condition. I [torn] that all things may work together for your good. we desire to be affectionately remembered to your [??] [??] also M[???] & Sister. My son Dodderidge & my D[??]y Sit[???] to go with us & [???] Care for us

I am yours Affec  
John Cushing



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