Provincetown, October

Dear Brother,

Dr. Cocker announced to us by letter the painful news of the death of your daughter. Thankful, we sympathize with you in your great affliction and commend you to God who is able to support you. 

Pest your direct and assist you, is able to support you. Stay you self when him, trust in him, and seek for resignation to his will. Your son, Nathan, is convalescent. The fever has left him, his appetite is good, he put 15 hours today, to his 15 hour to day. So human that your daughter was not that I have not informed Nathan of the death of his father, because it would be rigorous. I think it best to delay giving him the sorrowful bidding, until he has gained some strength.
Jonathan Cook, (brother to Edward Cook who died Sabbath day) died this morning. When their fever first came on they observed moderate about the head and cured. One took place 14 days abar, a startling crisis took place. The fever ran on took a different turn, seized them. The fever became delirious, they became delirious, they became delirious and died in 5 or 6 days. 

Edward had a hoarse voice, discharge of blood except in the urine. Nathan had much alike. Nathan has had non-actual attention had him by the doctor and we do not have done more for him than we do for our children. He has been done for him. He is sufficiently keen, he took a small piece of the beef and consumed it. 

Your affectionate brother Nathanal Stone.

We send our love to you, sister Judith and brother Caleb and family and cordially wish you in your affliction.
Provincetown
7 Oct

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Dear Brother

Dr. Crocker announced to us by letter the painful news of the death of your daughter Thankful[56]. We sympathize with you in your great affliction and commend you to God who is able to support you, direct and assist you. The Almighty who hath afflicted you is able to support you, stay your self upon him, trust in him and seek for resignation to his will. Your son Nathan is convalescent. The fever has left him, his appetite is good, he sat up 1½ hour to day. To human appearance he is out of danger from the fever. When you wrote me that your daughter was sick, I thought it best not to inform Nathan; I have not informed him of the death of his ister because it would be injurious to him in this weak state. I think it best to delay giving him the sorrowful tidings until he has gained more strength.

Jonathan Cook (brother to Edward Cook who died sabbath day) died this morning. When their fever first came on they appeared moderate about the 14 day a partial crisis took place soon the rfever run on took a different turn, seized their nerves they become delirious weak and died in 5 or 6 days after their nerves were seized. Edward had a profuse discharge of blood except that, their fevers managed very much a like.

Nathan has had punctual attention paid him, by the Doctor and we could not have done for mfor [our] own child than we have done for him. His appetite is sufficiently keen, he took chicken broth today, ate a small piece of the fowl and can bear wine.

Your affectionate brother
Nathaniel Stone.

We send our love to you, sister Judith and brother Cushing and family and condole with you in your affliction.

[56 Thankful died 4 Oct 1825, only days after she wrote the letter preceding this one.]