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Provincetown 7 October

Dear Brother,

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by letter the painful news of the
death of your daughter Thankful.
We sympathize with you in
your great affliction and com-
mend you to God who is able to sup-
port 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 $1\frac{1}{2}$ hour today. 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 sister
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 some
strength.

Jonathan Cook, (brother to Edward
Cook who died sabbath day,) died
this morning. When their
fevers first came on they ap-
peared moderate about the
14 day a partial crisis took place
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a different turn, seized their
nerves, they became delirious
weak and died in 5 or 6 days after
their nerves were. Edward had a pro-
fuse discharge of blood except
that, their fevers managed very
much alike.

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

Your affectionate
brother Nathaniel
Stone.

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

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7 Oct

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Nathan Stone Esq.
Post-master

Dennis

[1825-10-07 Nathaniel Stone 2; folded letter from Rev. Nathaniel Stone in Provincetown to his brother, addressed "Nathan Stone Esq., Post-master, Dennis":]

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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.

