Provincetown, 21st, 1836

Dear Uncle,

I find you complain that I have not wrote to you for a long time. I have been much engaged but still I often thought of writing but having a correspondent that wrote often I had to answer them quietly and then I was negligent. I will not make any more apology for I never like to hear a letter filled with apologies. How very sorry I am to hear that you are in a state of health. It is no easy task to be ill, but I hope and trust that you will hear it with patience. This world is not our portion, it is incapable of satisfying our desires. The glittering toys of life are not endowed to afford real enjoyment. There is nothing in heaven or earth but God that can delight our hearts and ease us of the heavy load of grief.

Aunt said she is with Mrs. Rice, she thinks she must go home but Mrs. Rice wants she should spend the winter. She will do well by her if she will only be willing to stay. I think she would not have stayed this summer if Alick had been at home. Perhaps she is afraid that Alick will go to bed with cold just if she is not at home. I don't know how she will work if Alick should take a likeness to you as Father suppose she would have to go to. I think it will be a great advantage to him to be from home a little. She says she shall go the first good chance.宿迁 was here a few days ago and by Aunt Judith she said he told her that he was coming after Bridget to carry her home. She had to be some one to help the thing I should have thought he would have mentioned this as well as they mentioned to her. I find she thinks it best to have very one at home. Bridget is very wild and if she does go home I hope her mother will not let her run about too much for it has already spoiled her telling her, go when she was little. Perhaps they may not like for me to say it but
I always say what I think. Bridget has been working a little bag to
earn $1. She went to school all summer and she has learned to mark. She has done some school of
new sewing work for us but she has done for herself. We do not let her go
evening only go and spend the afternoon.

Dr. Pain has been home and made a visit of about a week. He has
now gone to Boston with an intention of going to seek a place because
his predecessor will assist him in getting a place. He has received his
Diploma of M. D. and he has degrees of A.B. and A.M.

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new sick, one young man is very sick and a young girl both have the
sore eyes. I think Andrew Stone a patient fellow to write to
me and say he was in an error. I do not think if see
of the right why he need be concerned about any one else. I
should think that we should have 2 chances to hear. I think
he intends to be a Universalist minister. I think it better stay
and deal out medicines where he is. I should think that you
better half might write as she is used to writing I will answer her
she will. You must write and give me all the news.

My parents join with me in love to you and your better half and
the rest of your family. Uncle Thomas and family.

To Aunt Judith and Bridge send love.

Your affectionately,

Mary C. Stone.
Dear Brother,

Many say, that I must write something in addition to what she has written. Sister Judith has a new silk dress and new caps, and so forth. She appears discontented in Provincetown and means to return to Dennis. The Commissioners are to visit Provincetown to-morrow and I trust there will be great disturbance about the business. I doubt whether there will be any thing done. I hope we shall be preserved from Lynde's laws. Our Temperance Society met last evening and chose two delegates to the Convention of the State Temperance Society in Boston next Wednesday. We added last evening about 50 more to our numbers. I was chosen a delegate but was excused for it was not convenient to attend the other ministers were chosen they also were excused. Messrs. H. Center and William M. Shipman were elected. Mr. Center is now at Boston. Mr. Shipman failed to day for the city. Andrew Stone I am afraid will become reckless by his idle ness and self conceit in vain. It is good to remember the old adage, 'Young folks think old folks talk back, but old folks know young ones to be so.'

Your Brother,

Nath. Stone.
Provincetown Mass
Sept. 21, 1835
Nathan Stone Esq.
Port Master
North Dennis
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