Dear Brother,

Your letter of the 14th instant came to hand in due time. You complain of having sent
me two or three letters and not receiving any from me in return; the fact is, in the first place, that money
has been scarce with us in this country generally and that
I have not had an opportunity to purchase one of all of my
letters sent to the general post office. In the
second place, I have many other considerations and can
not have the leisure time to write as frequently
as you suppose I should, and I had references to
the state of postage between me and you. You seldom wrote
the letters of your last. I receive from one of the newspapers
of interest in your last letter, you mention the
death of Walt'sStores wife, but do not mention the same
as circumstances which would have been matters of interest to
me. Again, I do not think there is either that feeling
of affection towards me, which generally characterizes
should it be wished from kindness ties and relations of affection.
I suppose it is the case that I have sisters, but
they never treated me as much, who ever heard of the idea of
sisters or anything that sisters or mine. She have higher ideas when
clears to education from sources of instruction than
have never held on the thought of holding a correspondence
or communication with them. On my part, I must
confess this opinion is more prevalent in feeling social affection
but I suppose preserve this idea of the sister. During your
lives know how to account to me the subject of religion, while
cares, more sturdy and unfriendly feelings and
sainted those than Christianity ever considered in this
life. When I came to this country, I did not receive any
knowledge from the Bible. But he has never had the politeness to
mention it in their are answers. Now leaving the subjects
I stand in white, declaring to kindness ties and friendship
what interest should I be, if I had those times as many.
I have never received any answer from your instructions in the letter the wrote to me some two years since.

You ask if I make money, my good sir, I do not know; there is no money in this country to make any but has not been. The last year I worked, I lost $600 in the month of February or March I did not take less than $1000. I wonder you think of the amount I owe to Mr. Bragg. I wish I could immediately relieve you from all responsibility of debts. I could not earn enough to pay you in any respect my life, I have made like an employee been broken up and ruined by these debts. After I came to this country and was doing a good business I was of the necessity of getting out but a little on account of the cliu of my bad health in all the amount of about $7000, paid as a I had more than $500 due there. I thought I was running on credit in being on best that command and strange to relieve because I could not collect from the instant they all broke in upon me and started me up and stripped me of everything, and have made more than two thousand before it was in any respect to pay on this instant they all broke in upon me and started me up and stripped me of everything, and have made more than two thousand dollars onto which I never intend to pay. They began to recite all the debts belonging to Mr. White and all property he had purchased one, I in order to save myself from ruin we got around (Mr. Toalmaine) in Orange County to take the house. This is the way the luckless work with the Bankers to breaks them up if they can—and all the East Side people coming to this country to be huddled together to get along with them. I shall suffer much depression. There is nothing to do without my stock is worth. I shall down those than the law allows me at present in my name. With these circumstances that I can tell you in detail for what it is right or not at all, I wish your might be that I could own property in this name. I could carry on burning for me for two or three years. Were it not for the luckless circumstances I would,...
The disadvantage of the prejudices of the Woodmen - people this country would be a paradise to live in compared with the East. You say E. S. Howes returned very sick of the West because people die of a

fast here. Well don't move where the cold go to find people
die of fast. I know there is some unhealthy places
on the rivers but I don't know nor hear of as many
deaths here by fever & the diseases of the country as there
is their by conservations alone. My wife was found
with a fever for the 21st of March last. She was very poorly during
the past winter & spring. We had to have one bed. Does
the bed. Winter & spring. We had no milk for the bed she had.

I sent 440 out to North. We made 2 rooms, we have but 1 now.

Now, he is in good health & grew & finished. His name is

William Cushing. I cut High School within a large

doctor-nominous of him. What have you ever done

with my armory & furniture, I left at Hennbury. You
told me to keep it to save & have for a much, if you have
not come here is very disfigured of them. I hope you will if
not do it at a great sacrifice. I left in the Hen

nancy's stove, some which cost 30 & about 4

wards at the Palace Bowl in Rep. & 8 go at 2 cents each. $30

& 3. & 1. Sore wood 200. Rocking chair cost 84. 1. table 7

chairs 1.50

I wish you would go for those & sell them.

Tell them for 5 years ago and have me what is right
got the stove & some kites & want to save all the furniture
sell them for some thing. I wish you would send to a

consequence. I have a few in the family of Mrs.

Ward's house that I can ask money which cost 20.

If you cannot dispose of it, won't you take it to

David Clapp, Jr. publisher of Boston Medical & Physical Journal.

If not, order it and send it. I was ordered it but 2nd week I purchased it.

I presume he would take this over & forward me. The

Journal for it. You would help me very much by

attending the sale of these masts. Will you forward

The Trumpet & the Patriot after you read these regularly. I have

been forced to discontinue the Trumpet for want of funds but

you would forward me back No. 3 from Sept. 6th & send me back.
Numbers of the Patriot you have by you & continue to send them regular after you read them—any other papers you take & can occasionally send one, I would be glad. While you write, which I wish you would on the reception of this, please write me all the news of interest in your town, what horses you have, what excavations, what progress in universalism, what produce of truly money, & what you think of coming to see the Western country. Do you make money? How will you wish to know the price of yarn. What is the current rate? Give me an account of the Western town and friends.

When you are in Boston will you enquire the price of Dr. Jones's school for the Agricultural Survey of Rhode Island. If it is not much wants you purchase it & send it to me by mail. Did you ever read Events in reply to Smith's renunciation of universalism, if you have it send it to me? Mrs. Stone requests that your wife may write her & desires to be remembered to all our friends. You will write me all the news while you write. Do you know what became of my horse in Poughkeepsie?
Bernadotte Fulton County  Nov. 8th 1840 | Illinois

Dear Brother,

Your letter of the 6th of September came to hand in due time. You complain of having wrote me two or three letters and not receiving any from me in return; the fact is, in the first place, that money has been so scarce with me and in this country generally, that I have not had enough to pay the postage on all of my letters and I have had the mortification of having some of my letters sent to the general Post office. In the second place I have many other considerations and circumstances that have induced me not to write more frequently, formerly it was seldom that you wrote me, and now expensive as the rate of postage is between me and you you seldom write one page of your sheet. You inform me of no news nor events of interest, in your last letter, you mentioned the death of Nath Stone’s wife, but do not mention the cause nor circumstances – which would have been matter of interest to me. Again I do not think there is either that feeling nor affection towards me, which generally eminated or should eminate from kindred ties and native sources of affection. I suppose it is the case that I have sisters but they never treated as such, who over heard of the idea of thing that sisters as mine, who have higher and superior claims to education from sources of instruction than I have, never holding or think of holding any correspondence or communion with either me or my wife. I must confess this appears humain and feeling and affectionate, but I forbear persueing this idea further — I very well know how to account for it, on the subject of religion, which causes more hardness, and unfriendly feelings and wretchedness, than Christianity ever reconciled in this life. When I came to this Country Stephen Searas requested me to write him — I did so twice — but he has never had the politeness to notice it or return an answer — Now seeing the situation I am placed in whither so few claims to kindred ties and friendship what situation should I be in if I had three times as many. [over page] My wife never received any answer from yours in return for the letter she wrote he some two years since —

You ask if I make money very fast. in direct answer there is no money in this Country to make, nor has not been for the last year and half. from last November up to April or May I did not take ten dollars – and from that time to this I have not taken from all my practice more than 12 or 13 dollars — You ask me to pay the ammount I owe to Mr. Bassett. I wish I could, I would gladly relieve you from your responsibility if I could – I could not command the money to save my life — indeed I have nearly like to have been broken up and ruined by these suckers. after I came to this country and was doing a good business I wasn under the necessity of getting in debt a little on account of the illness of my wives health, in all to the amount only
of about 80 dollars, and as I had more than $500 due then I throught I was running no risk in being in debt that ammount but strange to relate because I could not collect to pay to the instant they all broke in upon me in order to break me up & strip me of every thing, and have made more than two hundred dollars costs which I never intend to pay.. they began to execute all the stock belonging to Mr. Ward and all property he had permitted me, & in order to save it & myself from ruin we got our friend Mr. Tousalin in Adams County to take it away. This is the way the suckers work with the Yankees to break them up if they can – and all the Eastern people coming to this Coungry to live have go sufer some trouble at first in order to know how to get along with them – I shall suffer much disadvantage in having to do without my stock &c, neither shall I own more than the law allows me at presnt in my name until the time comes that I can setle these liabilities for what is right or not at all. I wish Sears might be here that I could own property in his name & he could carry on business for me for two or three years – Were it not for the suckers or the disadvantage of the prejudices of the Western people this Country would be a paradise to live in compared with the East. You say B. S. Howes returned very sick of the West because people die off so fast here. Now I donte now where he could go to find people die of fast. I know that there is some unhealthy places on the river but I donte know nor hear of as many deaths here by fevers & the diseases of the country as there is by consumption alone. My wife, was confined with a son the 26th of March last. she was very poorly the last Winter & Spring. she had no Milk for the babe & we had to put it out to nurse 3 months. we have it at home now, he is in good health & growing finely. his name is And. Cushing. I donte think I shall make either a lawyer doctor or minister of him. what have you ever done with my drawers & furniture I left at Roxbury it cost me to much to loose as I have lost so much, If you hav[e] not made any disposition of them I hope you will if y[ou] have to do it at a great sacrifice. I left in the House that cooking stove of mine which cost $30 & also at Mr Ward's at the Punch Bowl in Rox. 15 Gall oil Cnisther cost 350 7 Chairs & 1 Rose wood imitation Rocking Chair cost $4 – 1 table $4 – 1 Sine – 450 I wish you would go for them & sell them or take them for your own use & lon me what is right get the stove & fu[??] kittles & wash Boil[??] & all the furniture & sell them fro something I wish you would attend to it immediately – I have also in the Garret of Mrs Ward's House that Glass Receipt Case which cost $7— if you cannot dispose of it, wont you take it to David Clapp Jr. publisher of Bostn Medical & Phisical Journal I formerly took it the Journal but ordered it stoped until I reordered it as I presume he would take this case & forward me the Journal for it— You would oblige me very much by attending to this & all of these matters. Will you forward the trumpet & the Patriot after you read them regularly – I have been forced to discontinue the “trumpet” for want of funds. wish you would forward all back Nos from sept. 5th & send all back Numbers of the Patriot you have by you
& continue to send them regular after you read them – any other papers you take & care occasionally send me one I would be glad— When you write, which I wish you would on the reception of this— please write me all the newes of interest in your Town – what minister you have, what “physition” what Progress in Universalism – what prospect of trade, money - & what you think of coming to see the “Western Country”. do you make money fast. you wish to know the price of grain, Wheat is 50 cents pr bush, Corn 20 – Pork 8 & beef 3 cent pr lb.

When you are in Boston will you enquire the price Dr. Jensons report of the Agricultural Survey of Rhode island, if it is not much would you purchase it & send it to me by Mail — Did you ever read Everett's sermon in reply to Smith's renunciation of Universalism, if you have send it to me — Mrs Stone regrets that your wife may right her, & desires to be remembered to all our friends – you will write me all the newes when you right – Do you know what beame of my House in Roxbury

from your Broth   And Stone