New York, Apr 16th

Dear Brother,

I have nothing from you of late, how is John & Frederick, has Uncle Fred got his boiler mended? don't be alarmed at what he and John says, their words are of little account, and will hurt no one, how much do you owe Fred Hall, please write. Whatever you write me to do in John's case please write as I see you have taken no action yet, can you rise in your name.

I am sorry the old gun has given you so much trouble but you shall not lose in the end by it, Mary need not weep @ what they say, they will do the family no harm, they are only digging their own graves, they never had but little
to lose and they are living that very best (it is your Mary I have mentioned) I am offered $4,000 for the place, cash down and don't know what to do about selling it. I thought one month ago I would sell the place for what it cost but now I feel rather different about it; the place is cheap at four thousand, it ought to bring more but yet four thousand is more than I expected to get for it or get offered for it; if I sell Elvathan Crowell will occupy the place he is a good peaceable man and will make no trouble with anyone, Samuel is rather anxious for me to sell it to him as he wants to stop going to sea and wants Samuel to start him in some business on shore, and Samuel thinks and wisely too perhaps that it would be better to help him buy the farm than to risk money on one so little used to trade, and he thinks Elvathan might get a living off the place, I if I was differently situated I would not sell it but as it is with me now I cannot tell that I should want it for a long time; even if I did I should not sell it because I needed the money for I have enough for my business, I would like to have your mind as it regards the place and also ask our father folks what they think about it, if it is your wish to keep it I will do so.

Write Soon

Yours Truly

M. Crowell
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