

I have kept Bill up for about 3 weeks
have drawn some manure & some
wood have plowed almost 8 acres
of land to wheat & Ry & have cleared
some 3 or 4 acres of grass land & have
driven him to Weymouth 4 times
& to Middlebury once on the old Dig (I have
got that fixed up) about I think more
of him even do he interferes with Mr. Baker
of him. But he is a good constitution
shows him not grainist him any more
the least week. The show is good for
selling ~~the~~ sheep this fall. They want to
buy the best Ewes for about 12 or 15 dollars
I was lucky in selling my buck, Harmon
has come down to from one hundred dollars
last year to ten this for Bucking mostly
they will ask from 3 to 5 dollars this
year is this week at Crown Point think
it is fairer. The feed at Middlebury
is the best of next month. I have dug
almost of my potatoes again crop full
feed is growing nicely since the
last weather continued. I have not
fed any grain to my sheep since I
sold the ram. don't look of a
fine common of corn.



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Dear brother Lew

It is nearly dark
but as Fb wished me to commence a letter
to you thought I would improve the few
moments of daylight that is left. We
received a letter from you yesterday stating
you had sent Fb a check off 100. and as
he had not received it he went to
town last night and found it there. We
had come to the conclusion you had
forgotten us - or was sick - but am glad
it is neither the one or the other. We
are usually well except I have a severe cold
but am getting partially over it. Ethel is
living with us now and it seems good to have
her here - she & Emma have just come in
Well they have gone down to Mr Frocks and
I will write a little more by candle light &
Fb will finish. We have had one Equinoctial
storm during the past week and the mud is deep in most

The folks up north are all well I believe
We expect Mr Stearns after Mary & Georgina this
week. Poor Eliza how she longs to see them
and how glad she will be to have them come
Lewis I hope none of us may be called to go
through what she has been. Friends forsake
in adversity's hour - but she finds grace &
consolation in a higher power than man
I hope the day will come when the innocent
one shall not be the one to suffer.

The girls are going to School
in East Addition yet. and I suppose they
have great times Charles Green took Ed-
and Emma up to see them last week
There is a Caravan at Middleburg Tuesday of
this week & the Crown Point fair is Wednesday
& Thursday this week - but Henry is waiting
for me to finish so I will stop this time
My respects to Russel & Sarah and believe
me ever your affectionate Sister
Sonanda

Well, Lew. we received a letter from
you yesterday saying that you had sent
me a check for one hundred dollars
& as I had not heard from it I
went to the Office in Evening & found
a letter from you saying that all
right. I am sorry you sent the
money now, I wrote you some
2 or 3 weeks since that I should
not need it - suppose you had
sent before you received mine
I will send it back if you want
or I will try & find some one that
wants it for two or three months
So you can have it when you
come home & I shall have one hundred
dollars when Wright, Spaulding gets back
I didn't need the coat but only
the man I got for Pisch. was
not in working condition for the
fall. went here to get up in good
ry she has done fairly I have not
driven her but once since I got her