

Litchfield Sep^t 25 1808.

Dear Brother

You see that at length I have arrived to the place where I have so long been anxious to be at. The place and the advantages more than answer my expectations. I think I shall never regret coming here.

After we left you we arrived at P. about 2 o'clock. I tarried in P. till Friday and had a very agreeable time at Commencement. Friday I took stage for Hartford and arrived there the same day.

I found that no stage went to Litchfield till the next Tuesday. Saturday I went to New Haven and The the Town ^{is} very pleasantly laid out. The Colleges there are handsome. I had the honour of taking a glass of wine with ^{the} President who is a very agreeable man. I returned to Hartford a Sunday; and Monday I had the pleasure of dining with Mr. Barsillia Hudson,. The old gentleman enjoys good health, tho he is almost broken down with trouble and old age. He buried his oldest son last fall, and his own wife last spring. He enquired very particularly concerning his old acquaintances at Brid. [Bridgewater] and thinks he shall never visit that place again.

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Our old ^{friend} Eli Hudson enquired concerning you, He is a very industrious young man and very respectable. He has lately joined the church in Hartford. There is great attention to religion in that place as well as this.

Tuesday a week from the time I left you I arrived at Litchfield about as the sun was setting. It is about 34 miles from Hartford. I think I never was in a more agreeable, pleasant Country village in all my travels. The advantages here to acquire a knowledge of the Law are very great, I, think I shall acquire more Law information, here in six months than I did all the last year. Judge, Reeve, who delivers the lectures, is a very pleasant, agreeable, communicative man. It is said that there never was a student here but what loved him.

My expenses will not be much, if any, higher than they were the last year. I give two Dollars, per week for my board, but my washing and room rent, are not included, which will be about 50 cents more. The Tuition here is 50 Dollars, last year I had to give 83.

I have been in good health, excepting a bad cold, I shall

expect a letter from you stating the health and condition of the family and the news of the place, before I write again.

Thomas Alden
Your Brother Cyrus Alden

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I forgot to mention to you that Mr. Whitman said something about the cost upon the Education gainst Mr. Ichabod Thomas. Perhaps it will be well for you to see Mr. Whitman if you can without much Trouble and settle it if he require it before you fall into the possession of the Land. Dont go to Mr. W. When that is court week either at nantucket Barnstable or Plymouth for he will not be at home. Monday morning or Saturday evening is the best time to find him.

[Reverse]

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