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My Dear Maria,

Your Father says he has Received two letters from you and he has not answered them Dorithy wrote a Few lines last week and they are expecting an answer—I thought I would embrace this opportunity and write I suppose you are anxious to hear from us to know if we are on the land of the Living we are in tolerable good health Elizabeth has had a touch of the Bowel complaint But praise the lord for his goodness She is Better, My Dear Maria we have great reason to Be Thankful to our god and for his multiplied mercies in sparing our Lives we see one taken from our right and an other from our left And we are Spared monuments of his Mercy—Friday was set apart for humiliation [*Sic*] fasting and prayers, our church was open and our Minister Preached us a very good sermon he think the Cholera has Been Sent as a scourge upon the earth for the wickedness of the People I think it had we have reason to humble ourselves and confess with shame and contrition that in the pride and hardness of our heart we have shown ourselves unthankfull

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of gods mercies and have followed our own inclinations instead of his Holy laws-----I think the people Begin to look more cheerfull [*Sic*] The Reports are more favorable than they have Been. I hope my Dear you enjoy your health Be carefull [*Sic*] of yourself don't feel uneasy your family is all doing very well. I want to see you But I don't want you to come home Before the sickness is over I expect your father and Mother is wishing to see their darling Daughter, your father and Elizabeth was talking last Monday to go and see you they were stopped in consequence of the Rain it was a Blessing they were stopped god orders all things My Dear Maria do not Be alarmed [*tearing*] I tell you that Jane was out on Sunday and on Monday was taken very sick and it pleased god [*tearing*] cut the thread of life on Tuesday morning, your father moved the Family to your house immediately to have the house cleaned---Don't feel the least uneasy they are all well and send their Best love to you and your husband and the family

Libby joins with me in love to you and yours

M Burnham