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Cow Harbour August 26th 1832

Dear Children

I am happy to inform you of our safe arrival at this place after a pleasant ride from your house but rather a tedious sail across the sound which was about seven hours. The packet had sailed from Norwalk before we got there and of course we had to stay overnight at the landing but to our great joy on arriving here we found Elizabeth and all her charge in good health but I am sorry to inform you that Dr. [Hardenbrooke] in returning from the city by over exerting himself burst a blood vessel and I have written for Dr. Robson who he is very anxious to see.---

On our arrival here we received a letter from Aunt Maria who complains bitterly of your not answering her letter and brings to mind the old proverb "Out of sight Out of mind" and to quote her own words she says she cannot help loving you although she feels slighted so Oliver you must write immediately—

My Dear Children it gives your Ma and I great pleasure to see how handsomely you are situated and more particularly under the protection of so good a father and aunt and it is our wish that you remain untill [*Sic*] the proper time to return to the city Remember me to all the family and I shall ever remember them for their kind attention to your Ma and I while at Danbury—No more at

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present but remain your affectionate Father

Joseph N. Lord

P.S. Aunt Maria says Sophsonia went off on Monday in a carriage in great style from No 128 Madison St. in company with Captain [Spragine].

J.N.L.