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Dear Brother & Sister

It is not because I consider that I owe you a letter that I write you now for I believe I wrote you last but at the request of sister I again trouble you. I have been delaying writing you on a small matter of business for a few days waiting for Mr D's return. But as he comes not yet I have concluded to write without further delay. My chief object in writing is to know if there is any way by which we might obtain through you our wanted supply of butter and cheese again, without subjecting you to too much inconvenience. I know not your situation with reference to dairies &c but thought perhaps you might be able to communicate with Mr Pick and get him to supply us for a certain price delivered at the canal. Now I do not know as this is practicable you know best. If we could get it from his dairy or some other equally good we should be very glad. We are paying a high price now and shall probably pay more and be very scarce at that. We should be glad to get two firkins of at least 100 lbs if not more and two cheeses provided we can get good ones and at a price which will warrant us in transporting them. It is very possible also that we shall want not two firkins only but many, if we conclude to go into the business we are thinking of at present. If you can assist us without too much trouble and write soon as possible and let us know what you can do the prices per pound &c you will very much oblige us.

How are apples among you? Are they plenty and fine? What
the price per bushel the price for freight &c if you know.
Very common apples here are 50 cts per bushel and we
cannot get a decent one on the shore short of six shillings
or a dollar. We paid a shilling for a peck brought to our
door on Saturday, which would not have cost over a ^{very} shilling
a bushel in Ark but we thought them cheap here as they
were brought to our door for that price a thing I have not
seen done since I have been here before. John is with
me now. I am some in hopes he will get into business
here not go back to New York. Mr. Backus has just
sent him a letter of recommendation to the N K
Superintendent and hope he will get a berth in the
new freight office now being erected here. I have
just received a package from husband. He is still in
New Haven but plans for New York this week.
He is well. I am writing under great disadvantages
for although my pen is a gold one it is not a very
good one and I am sick into the bargain. I have
been afflicted for a few days past with a nervous irritation
about my head and face similar to that I had after
Warren's death occasioned by over exertion of my system
and fatigue. We have had company uninterrupted
for about two months and besides a girl to deal with
and in some measure to depend on whose outbursts
of passion almost every time she sets foot in the house
will keep my nerves in vibration for hours after she
has left and taken from me many a nights rest. I do not
think you would wonder if you knew how she conducts if
that my nervous system is prostrated. You would rather
wonder that any of us have stood it so long. Mr. B. knows

not that I am sick if he did he would not rest until
he was home. I went out to Sabbath school and meeting in
the morning although I was not able. I was sick and absent
from my class Sabbath before last and I felt that I could
not be again. We had a minister preaching as a candidate
whom I was not able to hear the Sabbath before and I
felt anxious to hear him. I have sit up but little since
I am some better however and think a little quiet rest
restores me which our folks are determined I shall have.
If I could get our good rights rest I think I should be well
but I cannot rest only under the influence of anodynes
which though better than nothing is not like natural
sleep ~~and~~. How are you all. Has sister and Guttrich
got over that rash. If they have not do get some roots
of the yellow dock and either make a syrup or tea
and drink it as a common beverage. This is what
his Jennette is using and it is doing her good. She is
still sorely afflicted with piles. John sends his best
respects. I intend to keep him until the 3-rd comes
if no longer. If he succeeds in getting a situation
here he will stay with me all winter. How far
you in religious matters. We are much pleased with
our candidate. I do not know whether they will give
him a call or not. His name is Page a good man
by the bye Love to aunt Abby. I am very tired can
write no more. Kiss the little ones for me
your Affectionate sis Susan K. Barber