

Mrs Benjamin Briggs

Sharon Centre

Ohio

from father



Electrical Co.

New Bedford June 12th 1854

My Dear Daughter. I received yours of
24 & 28 the 3rd June and was much pleased to hear
from you. received your former letter and one
from Caroline about the same time and one
from Caroline since she is much improved in
health when she last wrote she was in Michigan
City where she then was on business. feel grateful
you & we are blessed with so good share of good
health & prosperity I have intended to write you
& Caroline for several months but some thing or
or no good excuse prevented call it indolence or
lack of energy as you say in your letter I feel that
I have not any time but to attend to my routine
of business or as you term it trade mill life. though
my business for the last year has been very good
much better than for a number of years sold about
2 thousand tons of coal should think profits would
be not far from 150% for ton have this summer
mined about 3000 tons for have engaged about 1200
tons more and it does not seem possible for me
to leave as I have not any one that can or will do
for me as I can for my self did think I should go
west early this summer but as the price of coal is
advancing & freight also it is necessary for me to pay special
attention to it but I feel fully determined to go before
winter our friends are well at Bristol best of health, ^{from} then

I have not been there since Tharsagien but intend
to in a few weeks. Capt. Crane died this week I believe
it was an effusion of the heart his wife had been unwell
& somewhat insane. Presume it had an effect on him.
She at present is in the Insane Hospital at Taunton.
I put you on order the mistress but you I have
state in your reply whether you have received it
as the agent said he would send it will send Corwin
if she wishes it I think it an excellent paper
not so full of potboilers as most of papers but quite
enough. your sketch of the excitement on board of the
Passage of the Nebraska bill I regret the subject was
brought forward so prematurely as it was not necessary
it comes of us throughout North & South and the feelings
of North & S and I think wise people ought be
very careful how they wound the feelings of either
section we have fanatics at the N and they their hot
headed radicals at the South if this was done to
prepare for the next Presidential Election we have
reason to think the young giant ^{will find himself} far in the rear & re-
bukes when that day comes. Capt. Brock Nathitt is quite
feeble has been out of health some time. I think his
recovery doubtful from what I can hear. Shall go to
Berkley last of the week if nothing happens to prevent
you will write me as often as you can & tell Corwin to
do so also. Shall write her in a few days.
I perceive by your letter that your little girl is named
Princess Lankton hope she may be as good as my uncle
of that name if so she will be happy and make

all happy with which she may be connected
for he was a man that I respected & esteemed more
than any one that I ever saw his only daughter
if living I believe is in your state in Maricotta she
married Mr William Fay ^{of Wethersfield, Mass.} they have a large family 10
or 12 children and the influence of their grandfather
is seen in these children Uncle Roger as we call him
was here about one hour since says Capt Babbitt is
very low & think cannot survive many days

With I could attend } Give my respects to all friends
few business as I } & Return my best to you & yours
suppose they would be } from your Father Levi & Leanne
the greatest luxury that
could go from the East
to a country that abounds
in all that heart could wish
L L C.