

Dear Brother I do with the greatest pleasure
in brace this opportunity to write ^{to} one who has been
made particularly dear to me as a friend and
and brother in Christ by a long and happy acquaintance
and am happy that I have yet to inform you
that I choose the Religion of Christ with
all the trials and afflictions attending holy life
in preference to a life of riches and popularity
without it. Dear Brother I have thought
much of you and your family and the happy seasons
I have enjoyed with you not only around your
fire side but in the house of God I very often
think Sabbath mornings how glad I should be
to day to meet with my brethren in Waterville
but Ah, my lot is cast at present hundreds
of miles from you but Bless the good Lord I
have his presents with me when I am and
believing you enjoying the smiles of the same
Heavenly parent I do most sincerely request
unintermit in your most fervent prayers that
I may be enabled to keep my body in subjection
lest after all my happy seasons with the children
of God and after I have preached unto others I myself
should be carried away I never saw a time in the
world when it required the execution of every nerve
in the ^{as at present} service of God. You know nothing about it
in the Country to what we do in the City
But I trust in God and hope for deliverance