

Washington, March 3<sup>d</sup> 1822.

Dear Samuel,

Your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> of February has been received since I wrote last week, — and it gives me great pleasure to learn by it that the family continues so well. I have waited thro' this day hoping to receive another letter, as this is the day for the letters from Burlington to arrive; but I now learn that the mails has again failed, which has often been the case of late, owing to the extreme badness of the roads; at this season of the year. I have concluded therefore not to risk waiting longer, lest my letter should not reach you at the usual time.

You will see by the Intelligencer that the Senate has lost another of its members the week past. This circumstance I hope will excite no alarm for the rest of us; for I assure you that it has been uncommonly healthy here this winter; and so far as respects me, I hardly remember a winter, thro' which my own health has continued so good. This I impute to the fever I had in the fall, or rather to the medicine I took while sick, which evidently cleared the system. I hope the same beneficial effects has been experienced by all those who had the fever at Craftsbury last fall.

We have had one week of pleasant and moderate weather, something like the middle of April in Vermont; the snow and ice is all gone, and the frost nearly or quite out of the grounds; but the roads in general continue very miry. To day however