

Washington Feb. 15th 1824

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Dear Samuel,

Your letter of Jan. 29th has been on hand several days, and most of the information contained has been very satisfactory. You mention that yourself and most of the family are troubled with bad colds, and are not so well as common. This has given me a good deal of anxiety for your Mama & yourself, more particularly, as either of your constitutions might be easily affected by it. I hope for the best. Tomorrow or next day I shall expect another letter from home, which I hope will give a more favorable account of the family - My health continues good. And since February commenced I have been relieved from all fears of any bad effects of warm weather. Some part of the time it has been extremely cold and blustering. Tho' the severity of the cold has not likely been so intense here as in Vermont, yet the change of temperature has been as great, if not greater. For the last week the weather has become more mild, and thro' the whole of last night we have had a severe rain storm from the East, which has not yet entirely subsided. The winter has so far advanced that I hope you have by this time got through the coldest part. I should like to know what depth of snow you have, - and whether Charles is able to keep his pump from freezing through the late cold weather. Also whether Conant has water to do any grinding -

What has become of Mr Carlin and family? I hear nothing from any of them - nor from James. Does he hand over to