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Burlington Common Aug 19<sup>th</sup>  
Father;

I have just reported  
and shall be examined to night  
or tomorrow morning, and as I  
have the day before me to loiter  
about town I seat myself under  
a shade tree in the middle of  
Burlington to write a letter to  
you,

Monday night I was  
lucky in getting a lodging.  
Nason Harris came along to me  
and said I would sleep with him,  
he was rooming Porter at Stones  
I got some rest but no sleep  
there was so much noise all  
night. In the morning I got into  
a covered Coach & went off with  
out any breakfast expecting  
to be provided for at Stone, but  
we all had to buy our victuals