

Johnson June 18<sup>th</sup> 1820

Affectionate Sister, I now im-  
brace this opportunity of writing  
to inform you of my health which  
is not very good. At this time I would  
inform you that I have been confined to  
my bed about 3 weeks with a sore throat  
which has been very painful. The Doctor  
came it last Tuesday and I have been  
gaining very fast since tho it is very pain-  
ful yet. I am very much oblig'd to you  
for the present you sent our Daughter  
and think you must want to see her  
much but as it is so you cannot. I will send  
you a lock of her hair to look at. I hope these  
few scribbles will find you all in good  
health. Caroline sends her respects to you  
all and says she should be very happy to see  
you. You must give our respects to Father & Ma-  
ther and Helina also. I want to see you all  
very much but do not expect to unless you can  
and make a visit which I hope you will if  
possible. I have not any thing more to write  
at present, so I must draw to a close by  
subscribing myself your Sister till.

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Arvilla Colton S. S. R. Colton