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Respected friend

I take my pen in hand to inform you of my health which is very good at present and hope it may be yours to enjoy the same blessing health I think it to be the greatest blessing which can be enjoyed in this world I think I know a little how to prize my health for about three weeks I never sat up only long enough for my bed to be made the 3<sup>rd</sup> week I began to work a little, I thought I would write to you and have thought great many times when I could not see you, it would be great consolation to me if you would write me, I do not know as I have got any news to write worthy of attention it has been very sickly in this town <sup>the</sup> summer past and I have had to share with the rest never did I know what it was to be sick before I think I know a little how to pity you but O I had a kind Father and a tender Mother to resort to in a time of sickness, I understand your health is quite good I want to see you very much I must inform you that Timothy is married I must <sup>give</sup> you a little sketch of