

Royalton August 10th 1834

Respectable Sister I would take this opportunity of writing to you to inform you of my health which is good at this time and hope these few lines will find you enjoying the same blessing. I have no need to write to you I have wrote home to Mother but have not had time to consider you cannot tell how I long to see and hear from my children I am to work for Mr. Phineas Pierce at twelve dollars per month for four months I have seen Samuel three or four times since I came here he is well and is peddling for the paper mill at eleven dollars per month he told me he should send you some money soon Give my respects to Clark and Susan likewise to Lydia I want you to write to me as soon as you receive this and let me know whether you have either been or heard from Belvidere for I want to know how Mother and the children do and what their wants are Uncle Isaac Shepards and family are in good health Joseph Turyerson and Mary live in this town and work for me I have been at their house but did not see Mary she was at meeting she has three boys I have not heard from Zelina and family since I came here I hope to have a little more leisure now we have got through haying and hushting I have been well and able to labour every day since I came here