

I commence my school tomorrow I am all
alone now

Pierpont May 9th 1809

Dear Aunt Ruth

I received your letter a short time
ago and was glad to hear from you
although I had made up my
mind that you had forgotten this
unhappy child but be assured it
was a message in time of need for
trouble is hard to bear, The most
enormous task falls upon me this
time instead of the one that sent
the message before for he too
sleeps with his Father Curtis is
dead he died the 25th of April
he had been failing about 3 weeks
the morning before he died he walk-
ed from his bed out into the kitch-
en and set down but never went
back he had his head resting