Dear father,

I received your letter with great pleasure and was much pleased to hear that your health was so good and that the country was healthy generally; but that dreadful disease which has scourged the northern part of our land has at length reached our shores. You mentioned the Cholera was in Plymouth and other places round about when you answer this please tell how many cases have occurred and the number of deaths and the names of the most distinguished for the are all of them expecting it and it is the main topic in conversation. If it gets here the college duties expect will be suspended and the most of the boys will go away to some other place. If uncle James will go away also. I was very much astonished and affected when brother James had relapsed to his former state since that is the case I have very little hopes of his getting entirely well though I wish he may recover.