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DESCRIPTION OF REPRODUCED ITEM:

Elizabeth Huntington. ALS, to John, 1825 July 5. In: Porter-Phelps-Huntington Family Papers, box 12, folder 11.

Mother's letter of
July 5. 1825

Mr. John W. Huntington
Newford -

Tuesday, July 5. 1825
Tuesday evening 8

Dear John, Edward has just left us - Theophilus
has gone to carry him to Northampton, to take
the stage at two o'clock tomorrow morning - &
he will probably reach Troy about sunset -
he wished much to write you a few lines, but
you know how it is here, in haying time -
and shovery beside - - for the purpose of giv-
ing all the assistance possible, he deferred
writing till this afternoon, and then began, &
dated this letter, but your Pa said it was
time to go, so he left it - and I took it.

We shall all miss him very much, ~~his~~ little
Frederic rolled about - and when I attempted
to comfort him, he could only say - "he always
did every thing good to me" -

Yesterday was the fourth of July - a great
day - and distinguished by great efforts -
In the morning Edward carried Charles to
Northampton - stay. I now heard the oration
delivered by Mr Baker of Uxbridge, student
at Law in N.Y. - very good - he then returned
having Charles to attend the tea party at N.Y. -
got back just time to eat a bit of dinner

You will, by what Charles has written on

father's letter, that his health and spirits are improving

Remember me to Alfred Mr. Hall and the young ladies

and wait on Bethia to the Academy - Francis
and Marianne also attended - with a multitude
of young folk, that I cannot have time to
name if I knew them - - Tell what do
you suppose they did when they all were
assembled in the Academy Hall - why in
the first place Mr Woodbridge made a prayer
then his divinity student, ^{Mr Brewster} gave an oration
rather a queer thing too I suspect - from
what I can learn - then they drank wine
lemonade &c with a number of tart mints
- &c to the occasion - then ~~they~~ ^{they} ~~walked~~
show to walk sallied forth - fear lest that rain
or nighty dew - would spoil their ~~leather~~
oaten shoes - Bethia and some others were
content to stay behind - - It was about
ten when they returned - and it is about
that time now - so I bid you good night -
- Friday morning goodbye

Now for answering your letter - let me say, what
is the first question? you wish to know what Mr
Willard wishes of Edward - - probably he will keep
the accounts - purchase all the provisions for the
family - assist in settling the estate - and supply
the place "of a son" - this is her own expression -

We are all hoping to see you and William whist
Elizabeth is here - the little girl resembles Mr Fisher

them ~~as~~ ^{all} answered and will give you to us all - especially to your affectionate mother Elizabeth

after burn this in your trunk - yesterday Martha had another son born

I think, more than her mother - - We were gone
at the time of fishing - but I believe they did not
catch any ^{shad} - the boys have been several times, &
caught a ^{of brook fish} taste, for us - the day we returned
from Boston, Charles Edward and Theophilus were
gone fishing, and did not return till sundown,
which was quite a grief to Theodore, as Theophi-
lus was so soon to leave home, -

We have had an abundance of raspberries - tho'
no white ones, the bushes are all dead - our
servant bushes are loaded - and we have had
quite a good supply of cherries - the tree east
of the parlour window, bore more than it
ever has before - and they ^{are} an excellent kind.

I would advise you to spend your Saturday
evenings and sabbathdays, in your own room as
much as possible; there with your Bible, a re-
ligious book - and a prayer hearing God, you
can spend the time, not only with comfort to
yourself, but acceptably to him who is ever
near to those who call upon him in sincerity.

I think it would be well, sometimes to accom-
pany William to his place of worship.

I rather think you had better buy you a
pair of thin handsome pantaloons - your
stockings you have got before now I hope.
always keep yourself clean - and if William
thinks any article of clothing wanting - be sure
and get it - I have filled my paper and perhaps
have not answered all your questions - but if you
will come home with them soon you shall have