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DESCRIPTION OF REPRODUCED ITEM:

Elizabeth Huntington. ALS (Middletown) to My dear daughters [Elizabeth and Bethia Huntington], 1813 Jan 28 In: Porter-Phelps-Huntington Family Papers (box 12, folder 6).

Middleton Jan. 28th 1813 - Thursday
writing past 4 1/2

My dear daughter, I find that unless I write to you I may not expect a letter, so am determined next time there shall not be that excuse. I am very much pleased indeed that you have learned to spin so nicely - I thought in the course of all the winter you might, but you have quite gone beyond my expectations. with regard to spinning you have done well - do you do as well in obeying your grandpa & grandma, and your aunt - and in submitting to all their advice and directions? Do you live peaceably together, without foolish quarrels and disputes? - above all do you remember your Creator, the ^{God} who made & keeps you, and that merciful Saviour, who said "suffer little children to come unto me" - I do not ever forget, what a privilege it is to go to Christ - to ask him to forgive your sins, and make you his own good children - this he can do, and none else can - I wish you to begin the catechism, and learn, and repeat word for word, 4 answers every day - last week Edward began, he learns two in a day, and has now got to, "how doth Christ execute the office of a prophet?" I am much pleased with your reading the bible, & hope you are careful to read slow distinctly and with propriety your grandma & aunt have a great

task to do for you - and I hope you will
try every way to please and assist them.
William has written to you, he and I have
made some candy and send some to you
that in the small paper is for your
grand parents and aunt; that in the
brown for Mr Morrison, as I suppose
your Bethia would like to give him
something - I send a few apples, ^{to your grandpa} supposing
you ^{too} would like some that came from
home - a piece of check'd cloth I send
you for ties - ~~it~~ it was a remnant
or I should gladly have sent Martha
one like it - I have partly cut them
they are not separated, as I did not
know how much longer to make
one than the other; you will get
your aunt or grandma to do it,
and likewise to fix the shoulder
straps and cut them right, under
the arms - I send a little yarn, Be-
thia, for you to knit a pair of mit-
tens for yourself, as yours are quite
too small - ~~with your grandma to show~~
you, and knit them quite large -

Elizabeth you may tell your grandma
that I should like to have your and
Bethia's white woollen stockings coloured
like your others if it is not too much
trouble - you may likewise tell her
that our steam washer does admir-

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rably - It is not more to wash them
term. After steaming, than to wash them
have in one sud - it is ^{almost} nothing to get
the dirt out - Mercia does all the
washing after 11 or 12 o'clock, and washes
the floors by night, which used to take
her and Zephy both all day - It is
now after 12 - you will therefore feel
as if you ought to go to bed
when we talk of you Edward & Whiting
perfectly long to see you both - & I
am sure you cannot think how much
I wish to see you, it is enough to
say I am your mother Elizabeth.

Mrs Elizabeth and Bethea Huntington

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Prosser Jan 22. 1818.