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DESCRIPTION OF REPRODUCED ITEM:

Elizabeth Huntington. ALS (Hadley), to My dear John, 1825 June 24. In: Porter-Phelps-Huntington Family Papers, box 12, folder 11.

Mother's letter of
June 24. 1825

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Hadley
June 24

Mr. John W. Huntington

Madison

Massachusetts

Hadley June 24th 1825-

My Dear John, You see by the date of this, that we are back from the west: - we left home as we intended ^{to go with us} the Monday after we left you, and pursued our way thro' Williams town, Still Water - Saratoga Johnstown, Little Falls - here, by the way, we staid Thursday night - and were obliged very reluctantly to leave Buckland - who the day before sprained his shoulder, and was so lame as to be utterly unable to travel - Your Pa exchanged him for another horse smaller - but very smart - a little heavy - but performed the journey very well - I could not help shedding a tear at parting with Buckland, who has so long been a faithful servant to us -

That day we went thro' ~~Utica~~, a delightful country on the banks of the Mohawk, visited Utica where we found some Dutchfield friends - this is a place of so much business, and so handsomely built that in passing thro' one of the streets you would think yourself in the midst of Boston - we went that night as far as Rome - the next day we rode

to have reached Orwego, but the road in the afternoon
was so ~~extremely~~ bad - that we were obliged to stop
fifteen miles this side - at Mexico - next morning we
reached there a little after eight - found them all
well - Elizabeth was almost overcome with joy and sur-
prise - as she did not expect us till Wednesday - The
baby is a pretty, little, fat, sweet - she ~~loved~~ herself
with the church, and had her child baptised the
sabbath before we got there - the name is Elizabeth
Phelps - after your mother - - - We spent a week
there, very agreeably, and set off on Monday morning
with the addition of the two Elizabeths to our party -

2 o'clock afternoon -

Your Pa is in great haste to take this to the
Post Office - so I will only say we arrived at home
last Sabbath morning about eleven o'clock - having
been detained the day before at ~~Charterfield~~ Peru
several hours by the rain - By Francis, who
came home last Monday in the stage, and will
stay till after the celebration of Independence -
I shall endeavour to ~~write~~ give you the conclusion
of this highly interesting account - I suppose you
will show William this - and probably he will show

you the letters he receives from us - - Eben is very
well and very happy, excepting when he has a cough
to have - which is twice a day, and occupies
perhaps an hour ~~and more~~ each time - - I
wish very much to hear from you - write very
soon - - Elizabeth sends a great deal of love to you
both - as we all do - and all request very earnestly
that you would ^{both} come and see her - if Mr Fisher
comes after her he will be here about the middle
of August - and carry her on to Franklin to see
his friends - and probably to introduce you - if
not she will have her before the middle

August - if you want a thin coat or a
- you must procure them there -

Be careful in every thing to seek the
approbation of your Maker - maintain a daily
intercourse with him that it may be well with
you for time and eternity, as ever your
affectionate mother Elizabeth