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**DESCRIPTION OF REPRODUCED ITEM:**

Elizabeth Huntington. ALS (Oswego), to My dear John, 1828 May 16. In: Porter-Phelps-Huntington Family Papers, box 12, folder 11.



Orange May 16<sup>th</sup> 1823. Friday

My Dear John, I hardly know whether to wish you joy upon your  
release from school now, or to defer it till next week - for I have  
forgotten the time when the quarter was to close - your walks  
and Theodor's must have been delightful I think a week or  
two past - for "nature" seems to be bustling on her most beautiful  
robe - the air too has grown mild and agreeable - and invites  
us to go abroad - Mr Fisher and William have been employed this  
morning in fixing a frame at the front door, to support  
a large honey-suckle which was lately given him - they  
have also been trying up their hops to run over the  
putting window - Mary has the head ache and has lain  
down on Mr F's bed and gone to sleep - We received Bethia's  
letter Tuesday morning - and were highly gratified with its  
contents - I almost imagine myself at home - when I think  
of you all - Mary often says John and Theodor have just  
got home now - this morning about eight we had  
just finished breakfast, and Mary that Bethia and  
Catherine had got done all their morning work - you  
may tell them, Mary and I have both finished our stockings  
I have begun a pair of socks - but my finger is  
quite tender yet, and I have not done much sewing -  
Mary has begun - and I have done some yesterday  
and today - I have not yet been introduced to Mr  
Perkins perhaps I shall not, but I had a little curiosity  
to hear him converse - Last evening Mr. Brewster  
in and sat half an hour; you may tell  
Bethia, she enquired affectionately after her; she is  
going next Monday to set out to visit her parents  
and she has an uncle or two in Franklin - perhaps  
you know the family - George has grown very much  
since you saw him he talks just plain enough to sound  
stupid - he and Elizabeth are both asleep - we are all  
asleep here that William thinks the name "sleepy  
town" ought to be transferred from Gladley to Orange -  
I have scribbled a great deal of very unimportant  
matters to say the best - but as it is to be read by those  
who will take some interest in their little things I  
give no apology - the great subject of religion, in  
of its facts, I wish to bring into view in every  
place - I would at least had your mind to give me  
glance at eternity, and the ~~next~~ connection, which  
there is, between our conduct here, and that eternity -  
I have not been at all homesick, but my mind has  
been rather more occupied by serious subjects than  
when at home, and I earnestly desire that my  
visit here may not be without some good effects  
we ought to let our light shine if we have any,  
and if we do not - have we not reason to fear there

is no light in us - Mary says she will answer your letter after you have  
written to her - she is quite well this afternoon - has been down the village  
with Maria and the child in shopping - William is very fond of the life of the school  
I wrote to Ed ward Monday - hope we shall hear of them in a letter tomorrow, Theodor's  
take time and write to us and all the rest of the family - I have not time to  
you will hear from me again - I have not time to write to you now - I have not time to  
write to you now - I have not time to write to you now - I have not time to write to you now -



Original  
May 16

Rev. D. Huntington P. M.

Hadley Upper Mills  
Massachusetts

Mother's letter of  
May 16. 1828