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DESCRIPTION OF REPRODUCED ITEM:

Elizabeth Huntington. ALS (Elm Valley), to Mary, 1832 June 1. In: Porter-Phelps-Huntington Family Papers, box 12, folder 12.

Miss Mary D. Huntington

Female Seminary

July -

Elm Valley June 1st 1832 -

My dear Mary,

We were made glad last evening by the receipt of your letter to B. and not a little comforted by the few French lines to William which came to hand on Tuesday.

Your first letter breathed a strain of sorrow which gave us all some pain; but your last inspires us with the hope that you are in a degree enjoying your situation and will be able to go thro' with the term profitably and pleasantly. For this among the multitude of favours let us not fail to render thanks as most due.

Last Tuesday your father and I went to Northampton and Frederic assisted me in putting down the carpet in the par. He went with me to Charles; and we found Helen with little F. in the kitchen, having made their escape from the dining-room to avoid the dampness occasioned by washing the floor. Dear baby had been quite unwell for a week and looked feverish then, but she came to me very willingly, and took my handkerchief and wiped her mouth. Helen thought it possible the sickness might be occasioned by the measles, but I think it more probable it is the effect of teething.

Frederic came home with us last sabbath after meeting, and returned next morning, and intends coming again tomorrow to go back with us sabbath morning. He is much more contented than he was at first. He says his health is better than it was then. Yesterday Martha came up to spend the day with Marianne & Caroline, but I heard today that Marianne was unwell and she made her visit at Mr. H's. - This morning about eight, Rene came to invite E. to accompany her to Mrs. Wright's. They went between nine and ten.

