

Spirit of 76 yet coursing in the veins of the decendants of the Revolution & when call[ed] into action will show them that Slavery is not National but Sectional & that we will no longer be subject to them or aid in sustaining their domestic institution All in usual health & hope you are tough & hearty

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Dear Son

Yours of the 15<sup>th</sup> ult came to hand some days since--in which you say that you had not heard from home since you left I have written & hope ere this that you have Recd my letter-- it appears that your troubles are not at an end, but more complex than heretofor[e]--but hope on & fight if your rights cannot be secured otherwise-- How did you find your affairs in Burlington & how has the money crisis affected the value of real estate-- how is & has been the weather. I guess we can boast of Milder & pleasanter weather than the west. Sleighing good & to day is beautiful & warm. Much like March. I saw Mr Kinsley from Cambridge a few days since he informed me that he designed to go to Kansas next spring Also a Mr Mudgett & Chase were going. I design to start as soon as I learn that the Missouri River is navigable. I am settleing up as fast as possible but it is up hill business money with many is out of the question I Recd a line from C C Bisbee. he appears to be well pleased with his location & prospects. Old Mr Ballard died very suddenly a few days since in a fit-- Mr Bancroft & Eaton from Boston were here on Monday & wis[h]ed to be remembered to you we design to pay our friends in Georgia a visit next week we have not heard directly from them for some time Noyes wrote me that he thinks of going to K--, with me, his health is quite poor, do you think it advisable for him to go. Our Bogus democrats have draw<sup>n</sup> in their horns since D[ouglass] made his Speech on Kansas affairs there is quite a change in public opinion here yet many of them still cling to the old ship when in fact there is not one sound plank in it. the democrats are chained to the car of slavery & are ready to do any dirty work the slave power wish them to do--but I hope that ere long that the slave power will find that there is a little of the