from our contemptabl[e] President, who sold himself to the Slave power & is now doing their dirty work of compelling a people to submit to a constitution--which they dispise & which they have had no voice in making, but enough of this Please write me often & let me know when the Missouri River is navigable. Also all the news afloat.

Nathaniel informed me that the Farrar place in Fairfax is for sale it is the two story House nearly opposite to the old Pottery the House has recently been repaired in good shape, there is 13 Acres of good land Barn & shed &c &c he thinks it can be bought for 1200 Dollars The Jotham French place is for sale About 25 Acres of Land a New Brick House &c &c Price 1500 Dollars-- Your Mother is not willing that I should buy in Bakersfield & she is not willing to go far from her native town. it may be best for us to purchase a small place for a home & live by our wits after I have looked over the Italy of America as K-- is call'd, what think you of the matter--

Write, write, on Reception of this scroll

Yours as ever

S. T. Learnard

It has been very cold for 4 days past sleighing good. how is it with you?