

Dear Daughter

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Rutledge Broome County
N. Y. January 14th 1856

Your kind letter of the 2^d Dec^r (Although we saw it was mailed some day after) came to hand this morning we were very glad to hear from you, and that you liked the country. I know you have many privations, in houses. But I think you will have no reason to "regret" having done something towards getting that fine country. There is nothing either great or good, that we can accomplish without an "effort." This winter will be the most trying time for you, and you Abe. But courage & perseverance will overcome all obstacles. I certainly can see but very little objects in any one staying here.

And I
Intend to sell it, move out, as soon as I can
I think I can do it in the Spring.

Whether
I sell or not, I shall if my life & health is spared, come to Highland in the Spring. I know that you think strange that you do not hear from us oftener, but the reason is the mails move so slow through a no — The only way is to start the letters along as fast as possible, and then they will probably get through some time. I rec^d a letter from Mr. Minor a day or two ago, — he has been quite unwell since his return but is quite well now —