

Dear Brother Richard

As Cousin Lizzie was going home tomorrow she wished us to write to her has she got rid of that pain in the head yet the one she spoke of in thy letter is not exactly a headache, I hope there has, for we wrote to Cousin Marcella last night quite a long letter, she wished us to read thy letter over and answer all the questions in it, so I will begin. She asked if we had received any letters from the Boys. no we have not, I do not know whether we will have the holidays or not, but I suppose so. June she asked who went with Francis Abbey to York, it was her cousin from Denmark, Father has bought some calves since she went, but has not sold any, he has been having some stalls made for the cattle. They tie them with sticks like settees. They keep them in there all the time taking them out only to drink, he does not keep all the oxen in there, only four and the cows, three oxen are in there

she wanted to know if I went on foot st. No I did not, Cousin Lizzie is and myself started for there one day but it was too hot. So we went back, Little Willie goes to school like a nigger, but he does not sleep up stairs he sleeps there a few times but he is not well now so he sleeps with Samy, she asked why Cousin James and Mary are coming out. I do not know, when Mother and Father have up Uncle Georges letter while

Dear Brother Richard.

I have stated

myself to write thee a few lines.

It is first day evening and Richard Quinby is in the other room, he has been talking to us with us to night. Cousin Lizzie and Aunt Mary have been in, cousin Lizzie is going to. tomorrow afternoon at 1/4 I suppose she will be glad to see her. She wished me to write a few lines to thee as she would be disappointed not receiving a letter from home. I do not think my dear Brother she can complain of our neglect in writing when I

reminds thee that this will be Fourth
better sent thee since last second-
day. Now don't thee think we are
prompt in writing I am ~~very~~ we
lose Cousin Lizzie so soon but
I suppose you miss her much
more than we do.

Willie says William is writing to
Richard must tell him that
he ~~is~~ is sick again, had
the Croup last night but is much
better to-day. Sends his love and
a kiss to thee he kissed the
papers and said "I might
give his kiss to thee". I think
we will go to Mackey's on Tuesday
if we go at all, I leave it to
thee Caroline for some time.

We think ~~we~~ we shall go to
Cousin Emeline, Bacon and
spend a day while she is home.

My pigs are growing very nicely
indeed, they are still in the pen
Pa bought two pigs of John
Higgin about this size of them

but I guess a little smaller
than mine. Sister Sarah & I filled
a sheet of to Marcella Underhill
last night it is the first time
we have written to her since she
left home. Uncle George Peys,
is again sick with the chills how
sorry I feel for him he is so old.
I almost forgot to acknowledge
the receipt of thy very nice long
and interesting letter. We have
nothing to say in our letters
at least not as much as thou
has. But thee will hear all
the news when Cousin Lizzie
returns. I must leave space
for Sarah to write with much
love from Father Mother &
brothers I remain thy
affectionate sister.

I think
I must close
for the present
so farewell
from thy
very affectionate
sister, Sarah

N B has thee
latter all thy
apples up here?
didn't they
taste good
to thee when
school was out?
Please excuse
the writing
and answer
soon, with love
to all I remain
as ever Sister Sarah

Mary Houghton