

Waterloo Jan 31 1853

Dear Brother Richard

It is now Tuesday evening
and I have not ~~yet~~ had time to write to thee
yet, we received thy letter last fourth day, saying
that thou got a fall on the ice and was Sick thro
days. we were very sorry to hear this but hope thou wilt
soon get well, and not get another such, I just
got through studying my Grammar lesson, how I
do dislike it does thee not, Mary is wanting to
see, they keep up quite a correspondence does not
thee think I am too bad for I never have written to
Ben yet, Mary received a letter from Aunt
Catherine this Afternoon she said they had not
heard from thee in a great while, but I suppose
thou is not well enough to write to any body
yet, Little George is playing in the coach by ma
he is very mischievous, I wish thou could see him

These was a fancy ^{Dress} party at Mr Williams last
fourth day evening, Cousins Sarah Julia & Charley
were. Charley ^{represented} Jonathan Green he had a
furlow hat made in the year 1827 a coat he
borrowed with great brass buttons on, pantaloons
with leather straps to walk on, a very short belt
and the best of all was a pocket handkerchief with
a map of the United States on, when he went in
he said "pretty smart of folks here I guess I will
hang up ^{some of} my maps" when any body asked him where
he came from he would pull it out and point to
maine, and say "way down east". Sarah was a
squire she had a black dress trimmed round the
bottom with a great wide piece of red muslin
with great tin buttons first one square and then
one round, all up her dress ear rings of tin about
as big as a good sized apple pantaloons black trimmed
with red flannel and all kind of tinsel, she

had a real pretty pair of moccasins, her hair was
braided in one strain, Julia was a peasant girl dressed
in a black silk waist low-neck white skirt & white
bushoppers, she had Jennys flat trimmed with
blue ribbon, her hair was platted in seven and tied
with pink. she looked real pretty, Rebecca Mumford
was a Quakeress she had one of Aunt Mary Anns
Dresses on and a cap, I forgot to tell thee Thomas
Mumford was in town, I must close so Good-bye

from thy affectionate sister

Sarah

^{and short letter}
P.S. please excuse bad writing for it is bed
-time, is thee out of stamps & Father

Mother Aunts Lydia and Hannah & Willie
went to Clyde last seventh day morning and
returned in the evening all send thee love
so good bye again

sent from old Tom for thirty dollars

I think will miss him any
 think Abby how not you
 to California
 why I don't know
 when going any soon
 no excuse
 this miserable
 several
 my pen
 is broken
 Father
 joins me
 in love
 affectionate
 Mother

It is too bad that
 should be sent from
 as I know full well the least thing
 would interest them - we were sorry to
 hear she had been confined to the
 bed from the effects of a fall they
 prove very serious some times and I
 do hope she has entirely recovered in this
 try to be more careful in future. Cousin
 Julie has been quite sick they were
 very uneasy about her yesterday I was then
 to day and found her much better
 Aunt M. was there she seems very well
 she has pretty much given up all hope
 of seeing Wilson very soon they know