

Tova (N. 14) Dec 22. 1854.

Dear Wife

S. 1000

Your letters, the one directed to Wells & the other to  
Dover, have both been received. The account from New York is  
correct. I can explain it to you when I return. In regard  
to the money, I wish you to pay the note at the Bank of  
Mr Fiske up to Jan 1. On the wood bill & other little expenses at New  
Haven, postage &c to Jan 1. (2) And if you can \$77 to John Stratton No 51  
Central Street Boston, get his receipt, & request him to inform Dea Dole  
of Hallowell of it & inquire of him whether that covers the whole am-  
ount due for my horse & gig. I believe it does. If however Mr  
Stratton will advise Dea Dole of the payment & make the in-  
quiry I will call on him upon my return & see that the  
whole matter is settled. I pay the money to him at the direction  
of Dea Dole. The remainder of the money, you will keep till  
my return - using of it of course as you want. If however you  
can by hook or by crook save \$100 out of the wreck I wish you  
to do so, as I need that to pay my note to Dea Whiting.  
And then as to my other debts I shall be obliged to borrow  
again of some person. It is some consolation however to  
feel that my debts are diminishing. If the Mercantile  
Journal still comes you must fold it up & say on it, please  
stop - the time subscribed for is more than out & send it  
back. I wish you to send the money to Stratton immediately  
so that he can advise Dea Dole of its payment before Jan.  
1<sup>st</sup>. Well brother Dea I can give no promises so long before  
hand, I shall endeavor to see him & speak to his people when

I return, though I cannot promise him a sabbath.

X I have not time this morning to give you a detailed account of my doings & sayings. Suffice it to say I have visited Saco, Alfred - where I had a real "set to" with an Hon. Senator John Holmes, who voted - (scoundrel) for the admission of Missouri into the Union as a slave state & that too when John Randolph of Roanoke was opposed to it. Took occasion <sup>unwittingly</sup> to tell his Hon. of it, to his no small chagrin. I had all the advantage of him for he showed himself, to the conviction of all the audience, to be totally ignorant of the whole matter. It was really surprising to see how utter his ignorance was. Your Cousin Fisk is as much with us as can be expected, for he is a soft man. I spent the sabbath in Kennebec - preached for Bro. Powers - an abolitionist now - in the evening ~~at~~ <sup>Evening</sup> lectured on slavery in his church & on Tuesday Evening in the Union Fair - good audiences for the weather. Bro. Smith formerly of Sudbury & now of Kennebec Port would not let me address his people Monday Evening. Wednesday, Thursday & Friday Evening, I spent at Wells, Saturday came here, Sabbath preached all day for Br. Root. In the evening had a grand meeting - more than 1000 present ~~in his ch.~~ on my subject. He, the Methodist & the Baptist ministers are all heartily with us. I lecture in the Baptist church Tuesday & in the Methodist <sup>Thursday</sup> ~~Wednesday~~ Evening & at Great Falls on Wednesday Evening. Friday at Durham, & perhaps Saturday, & then back to Dover Sabbath & Monday to give my final lectures. Thence I shall go the next sabbath to Dexter & thence

directly home, so as to get home that week, unless I find it  
important for some special reasons to stop at some place  
on the way, another sabbath - say Newburyport. Our plan  
now is to have me visit these places, & break up the fallow  
ground & then just go over the ground again with  
Thompson. Form societies & raise funds. In Dover &  
Great Falls things look now as if the Cause would  
carry all before it. I wish you would make in-  
-quiry & see if there is any one in Wrentham that I can  
borrow one or two hundred dollars of for a year or  
more. If you write as I wish you would by return of  
mail or very soon, direct to Dover N.H. as I shall  
be here till next Tuesday at least. After that you  
direct to ~~Dover~~ Exeter, unless I give counter directions.  
I shall attend to all your remitts when I return,  
though I should hardly think you had better go without  
liquorice &c &c till then. Remember me affectly to all  
friends. A kiss for dear boy. Tell Huldah she must be  
a good girl. Bro. Wright informs me that they have been  
trying to play the Lane Seminary game at Amherst but it  
dont go well. Frederick I presume has told you all  
about it. So dearest good bye. Your husband's health is  
always good you know. The Lord grant that yours may be  
so. I shall see <sup>you</sup> the Lord willing soon, & then if the interests of  
the cause will allow it I shall remain two or three weeks  
at home. Yours in the best & dearest of bonds  
Amos Phelps.

