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**DESCRIPTION OF REPRODUCED ITEM:**

Elizabeth Huntington. ALS to Frederic Dan Huntington. In: Porter-Phelps-Huntington Family Papers (box 12, folder 8).



We shall endeavor to send your bundle according to your direction the first of next week. If you will call for the map - at 91 Milk street, at the counting room of Sayles and Merriam, you can get a look at it, & send it on by the person who carries your bundle - or by some other careful hand - & then is one who is never weary of hearing "let us never cease to seek and know him -"

D. Huntington Plc  
Bree  
North Madley  
October 22<sup>d</sup>  
Mr. Fred D. Huntington  
Cambridge

writes as usual

Elm Valley Oct. 21<sup>th</sup> 1840 -  
Wednesday afternoon.

My dear Frederic,

Under the shadow of this dark cloud, and after it has been hanging over us, three or four days, it is hardly safe to begin writing a letter, lest there should be a tinge of "the blues" pervading its spirit. But this is the time and there is no getting off - so if you find any lack of cheerfulness, or sprightliness, just think of this long dreary storm.

Your letter to Bethia came last Saturday night. It is a great comfort indeed to hear from our absent friends. - We sent you a letter on Tuesday from Lizzie's Father, and last evening we had two others, one from Mrs. Fisher to you, and one from Lizzie, <sup>to Bethia</sup> forwarded from Boston by Doct. Dean who has been to France, and was a nation of Frank-  
lin. Mr. Fisher also sent by him a map of Paris, which he left in Boston.

Edward has at last had his fate decided - Mr. Mill has sent up a man to take charge of the New Factory - and Edward of course will quit. After mentioning



the fact in his last letter, he says, "If I did gaze on  
twice on hearing it, I have not uttered a sigh except  
for my creditors and I verily believe, if I have my  
health that ten years hence, they will not be the  
worse for it. I feel more than ever confident, perhaps  
I am presumptuous, that God will provide me the  
means of paying them. He blesses the efforts of those  
who try to help themselves." I am very glad he  
is not discouraged; probably he does not let us know  
all that he feels. - For several weeks, he has been pro-  
viding his own food, and eats and sleeps in his office.  
Since the first sabbath in October we have attended  
worship at Northampton, your father with the rest  
of the family. He has become very much pleased  
with Mr. Dwight's preaching, probably because he adapts  
his style, more than he did, to the taste of his hearers.  
Mr. Branch preached there two sabbaths, we heard  
him both times - his last sermon, which was upon  
these words, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall  
see God, seemed to be a continual pouring forth of  
pious eloquence.

Wednesday evening. I have thought a good deal about your  
Mr. Perkins - what is the prospect concerning him?  
And what is your prospect as to pecuniary supplies.  
You cannot live upon air. and you give us no  
account of your matters. True you do not expect  
help in this line from us, but you are sure of

I submit for you to tell you that the 14th was noticed by us also. - Both &  
I made a visit to the graveyard, and left a memorial of my affection.

our feeling a deep interest in every thing which <sup>relates to</sup> ~~relates to~~  
you. We have been reading forward some anticipations,  
as far as thanksgiving, in which you had some concern  
shall we give them up in favour of Doct. Ware's family?  
you know how gratifying it would be to us, to have  
you here; and I know also how much it would please  
you to be with us - with these views of the case  
I am willing to leave the decision with yourself  
you can decide better than we.

In either event I trust we shall meet  
in spirit. The throne of grace is a common  
centre, where friends on earth, and friends  
in heaven, may all hold sweet communion.  
Ourselves as we ought praise and improve this  
privilege. It is not merely the idea that our  
friends think of us, but the thought and desire  
of Infinite goodness, which purifies and exalts the spirit.  
Theodore and Bethia are making a visit at Theoph-  
ilus' this evening. Eliza has not yet recovered her  
strength, and in consequence of weakness, her spirits  
are somewhat depressed. This you know is a strange  
thing for her. I hope she will soon be better. How  
hard a thing it is for us to learn that afflictions  
are often our greatest blessings - Charles's family  
are all well. Helen is better than I have seen her  
for two or three years - Sarah is in Boston yet, as  
you probably know. She is not as usual. - We had a  
letter from William two or three weeks since.

Most truly and ever your  
affectionate mother Elizabeth -