

Washington April 5<sup>th</sup> 1795

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gaining gradually when she was taken bleeding at the nose that  
reduced her very fast. Beriah Swift died yesterday morning  
and George Tabory wife died a week ago last Sunday her  
disease was a fever of <sup>one</sup> day. So it is that after another <sup>one</sup> ~~passage~~  
away ~~it~~ should it ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> all to <sup>Be</sup> ye also ready.  
You ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> late spring but if you had been  
in Old Dutchess they ~~would~~ <sup>would</sup> have been home sick for  
we have had but three ~~or~~ <sup>or</sup> four spring-like days then the wind  
would get around to the ~~west~~ <sup>west</sup> and blow hard enough to  
dry and freeze everything like vegetation up but now it is raining  
delightfully something that we have not had in a long long time.  
I believe people generally think wheat is killed by the dry cold  
weather but I hope they will <sup>be</sup> agreeably disappointed when warm  
wet weather comes.

April 6<sup>th</sup> It rained all night and cleared off warm and  
pleasant. You are wrong in supposing I have seen cousin Thaviland's  
daughter. <sup>did</sup> ~~if~~ you expect he would bring her out to show her his rustic  
relations, not he and if he wanted to his mother would not let  
him for I understand she says the daughter-in-law is of high blood  
but ~~what~~ from what I have heard of both families I would  
rather risk Miss Van Kailin pedigree. Thaviland's father-in-law  
was opposed to the match I have heard so he did not consider him  
a high blooded man I suppose, but undoubtedly more stories  
have been told than are true for Thav has rendered himself  
quite a conspicuous character within the past year or so.

Sam Sloper is married to a Miss Sherman from  
Lower, Monro's folks made an extensive party for him and  
they had a regular ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> joyful of it Sam turned the key  
when he retired but the company was so stout for the

so walked in and separated them but finally drank friends with  
ham by ~~keeping~~<sup>out</sup> of a bottle they had in their pockets, they were  
some of the Chabankites, I don't know to regret that they  
were all of a piece for your brother was there and saying  
they that would not do it but in the end we of course was not there  
as cool as a cucumber in a fight when I met her.

There has been quite a fire at Shabb. Hill yesterday  
and today caught by the burning of Benjamin Smart's barn with  
ten or twelve tons of hay a calf, night before last and  
last night or rather this morning about daylight the Cong. took  
carriage house was burned. Russel was taken up <sup>yesterday</sup> but the evidence  
was so circumstantial that the justices could not find it in their  
hearts to send him to jail so let him go but this morning they were  
hunting him up again but had not found him the last I heard  
from there. If they have found him and do not commit to-day  
the people will almost be tempted to play Judge Lynch with  
him for scarcely a man can be found but that believes it was him  
that set them on fire and that it was his intention to burn the  
houses too but by good luck the wind was unfavorable to carry it  
towards Smart's house if it had been the other way nothing could  
have saved it. Russel has been almost at sword's point with  
his brother and sisters for years. if anyone has seen ups and  
downs in this life the Professor has, if he goes to Sing Sing  
terra-culture will not be much needed there.

I saw your mother and George at your Uncle  
Elias' funeral they were all well then I told her you wanted  
I should inquire if they live in the parts she said they  
did neglect the poor child and she said Elisabeth would write  
you

