



Washington, Feb. 20th, 1858

Dear Eddie

Your beautiful letter reached me a long time since and I have been trying ever since I first received it to find time to write a nice answer to it, but until now I have not found such time.

Yesterday the House adjourned to meet next Tuesday and I avail myself of the opportunity to answer your letter as well as one I have just received from your dear Mother.

I was much pleased with your description of the Bridge celebration. Grandpa must have been very happy. The people owe him much for making the Bridge "Free". Grandpa writes me kind letters about you. You should do all you can to repay him for his love for you.. I am working hard so as to do something for freedom by making a speech if I can get the floor. Freedom is good and is opposed by slavery which is bad Slavery takes little boys like you and Walter and sells them away from their parents. Freedom lets them stay at home and go to school just as you are living. *domig*

There is a great country called Kansas and the people who love slavery wish to put it there and the people who love freedom wish to keep it out.

I am on one side and Mr. Keit, who had trouble with Mr. Grow, is on the other. The people who love slavery are in earnest and those who love freedom are in earnest. This makes them try to beat each other by making speeches against each other and by voting against each other. Sometimes men like Mr. Keit get so

angry as to forget that they are the Representatives of the people and become bad "black guards." and strike men who will not do as they wish to have them. Grandpa will tell you all about these things. You must try to govern yourself and educate yourself so that it shall never be said of you "he is a blackguard."

If you would like something which you have not- some nice book you would like to read, tell Grandpa or Grandma to get it for you and I will pay them and thank them also for being kind to you.

Your mother says she received a nice letter from you at Detroit. You must write to her often. Are you not lonely with our little Walter away?

Give my love to all and believe me

Your affectionate Father,

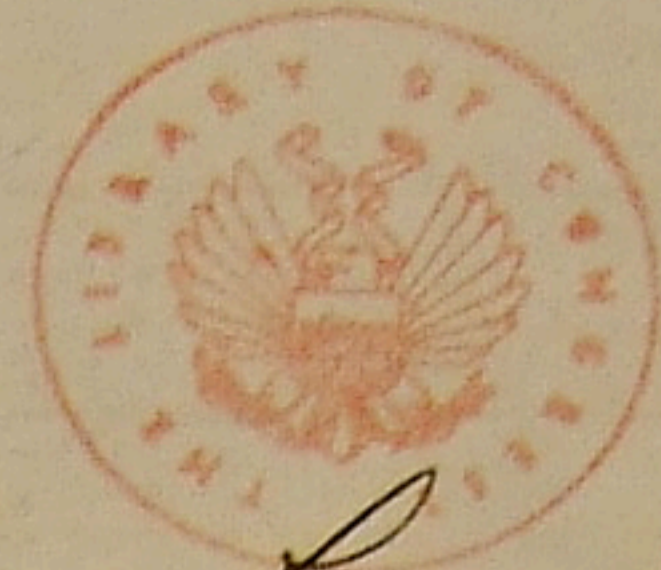
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Mister Eddie L. Burlingame.



Alpine House.  
Forham August 23<sup>d</sup> 1850

Dear Mother,



I have been wondering what you and  
Walter are doing. I suppose you are eating supper.  
It is so cold here that they have to have a fire  
the stove. The man just brought in a large solar lamp  
though it is not near dark. There is a large black  
bear chained in front of the house, whom I have  
been down to see very often since I arrived here.  
He has a tall pole to climb up on, with a sort of  
platform on the top where he sits when he gets to the top.  
He will stand on his hind legs in a very funny manner  
which Walter would like to see very much indeed.  
At one time he turned his paw over, and scratched  
the under side of it with his other paw. He has  
large tuft of hair on his back, which looks very odd.  
Grandpa just came in and said that a gentleman  
told him that there were three feet of snow on Mount  
Washington, and some Ladies who were with him  
nearly died of cold. Could Walter only see the  
bear stand on his hind legs and beg, he would  
"like sixty," as he says. Grandpa who says that the  
horses on Mount Washington were so cold that  
had to put them in the house with the people  
I am going to you again soon from your aff. so  
And Dana & Alice  
Eddie.

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Washington, Feb. 18th, 1860.

My dear Son:-

I have long thought of writing to you; but have been prevented from doing so by every so many things. Your mother has written very often, and has informed you all about what we have been doing. I have read all your letters with great delight and have laughed with your Mother over the descriptions of your and Louis adventures in search of rabbits and with skunks. I envy you your appetite, and rejoice at your sports. I think you must be having almost as good times as those I had when a boy, with "Wildman Loomis" and "George Graves". You must do all you can to strengthen yourself by prudent exercise. I do not have much time for such things here, where we go to bed about the time you get up at Sherborn.

What would Uncle<sup>h</sup> "Abijah<sup>e</sup>" say if he could not begin work until twelve o'clock and could not retire until two or three o'clock in the morning as is the case with your Pa?

I will not give you any advice as to your behavior for I know you will do right from a sense of duty.

If you will answer this letter immediately I will write you a good long letter. Write to me all about your doings and sayings. Let me know how many fish you have caught - how many rabbits you have seen - how many rides you have had - how many things you have done &c. &c.

Give my love to all the family and thank them from me for their kindness to you.

Your affectionate

FATHER