It would be very unfortunate should this business delay your going out. And if you have preparations of this kind to make they cannot be too soon attended to — I conceive it is lawful for a Man to engage on the Mission either single or a married Man.

I have at this time but a moment to write, and must close.

May 4th. Your affectionate Brother Sam'l J. Mills. —

My Dear B, I expected to send this letter by Mr Colhoun Boston, with some other papers but he left the morning I sent down. — I have not see any of the delegates who go to Phila — I conclude to send you on this scrawl by the mail. I conclude you see the Pamphlet and have Mrs Newell's Journal. This admirable work will I think do great good the dear Woman has pleaded the cause of Missions in a Masterly manner. I cannot tell what the Prudential committe will do, or what will be their desire with respect to sending out Missionaries soon. I am sorry that more is not doing, that Missionaries are not called for and sent out with all reasonable dispatch. —

Samuel J. Mills

Andover May 16 1815

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Mr Edward Warren,
Physician at the Alms House
Philadelphia.

If you should go out married men I should wish you would find the proper companions in England some where, but if it is necessary to look after them, I will write to Mr Kenrick, he is among the Quakers, tell him to come to you & you request him to bring them over. I think the business who would be suitable you may judge better than I do of connecting such persons to a work of this kind. I think the sooner the better.

I think that if there were a number of Missionary young men prepared to go out, and determined to go out, they would soon be gratified. If this had not been the case in the first instance perhaps none would have gone to the heathen. The religious public are ready to support Missionaries, the Heathen are ready to receive them. But men of the right character and disposition I fear will be wanting. I think it is proper if you and B Richards go out Married men, that this business be attended to immediately, you know it has been a long time since any Missionaries have been sent out. You know the dear Brethren in India have been already severely tried, they are no doubt earnestly expecting you, and hope deferred makes the heart sick, I believe if the mind disposed we might go to India or almost any other part of the heathen world. Not all the restrictive measures Blockades &c &c — prevent men of the world from prosecuting their objects. I thank you B. Warren for your interesting letter I wish I could write a full sheet in answer to yours. — I wish to see B Rice when he comes into this part of the country. I now expect to be in Boston at the general Election I believe it is on the 25th inst after the Election I expect to go to Bernardston I wish you to request him to call upon me, if he should be in town — in the month of June I do not know where I go to the west this and such this summer or not. hope the Lord will direct. —

Andover, April 24th 1814.

Dear Brother, I expect Mr Calhoun of Boston will hand you this hasty communication. I expect to send on by him B Judsons journal, & I should perhaps it will be as well for you and B Richards to retain it in your possession. He may have said some things not altogether prudent. The copy of the journal I send you belongs to our Missionary papers and I wish you would contemplate returning it to this place as soon as is convenient.

The information last received from the Brethren abroad was, a letter from Brothers Hall and Nott. They wrote from Bombay. The letter was dated the March before the last, about the time when B Newell was on his way from the Isle of France to join them.

They write that their prospects are favorable if they are permitted to remain where they are. They some feared they should have to leave that place, for England. In either case whether they leave or stay they wish to have other Brethren sent out. They say, Missionary Brethren going directly there would not be subjected to any inconvenience. The uncertainty they express about remaining at that place arises from the offence the Governor General at Bengal took upon their leaving that place as they did. They are in good health and spirits, have begun to learn the Mahratta language. I do not know that the P Committee will think it advisable to send ~~out~~ you out until fall, but I think it somewhat likely they wish to have you go this summer. – I think very important that you should be prepared to go as soon as a favorable opportunity presents. With respect to the business of forming a connection before you go you must make for yourselves.

If you should come into Connecticut when I am at home you will call. I don't yet know Mr Calhoun, let me hear from you soon, I hope you will urge forward the Journal Bible & tracts by from an Connecticut Seaport. I will come before the General Assembly. Excuse haste & illegible. If we can get the tracts & tracts to the Missionaries at Bloomfield. – Yours &c B B Spinnell Write as little as possible.