

Funny Unitas in sending love to all -  
New Bedford 12 month 1 18th

Dear Deborah,

Some two months have elapsed since I have heard anything from or about you, excepting what Mrs Kelly told me a few weeks ago about some of the Family who had returned home, the particulars of which & who had come he could not definitely tell. I am well aware that you are the main spoke in the wheel and have not expected you to write, yet I will say that even a few lines would be acceptable when convenient. Now that I have commenced I know not hardly what to say - but in firmis; - perhaps about my own family will interest you as much as any thing - well beginning with myself & Frank - we have both had and are now recovering from our second attack of scarletina - Four weeks ago Frank was taken - he was not so very sick - however the eruption showed itself all over him with sore throat and all the ailments belonging to the disease, but he recovers very slowly - goes out but little & has but little strength to get over the effects - Dr Gordon says every thing is favorable & that it will require time - may take two months before he entirely recovers - he blouts up every evening & his face is flush & he is very

twice - the last few years he has been very healthy  
and active & it is a severe trial for him  
to be shut up in the House even if it is  
not all the time. Perhaps it is fortunate  
that I am or rather have been sick at the  
same time for we have both helped each  
other pass away time - being exactly of the  
same age - "Par mobile fratrum" - I have taught  
him to play chequers and Backgammon so  
that he can beat me - and made him Cross  
Guns & arrows and he will be a match for  
any of the Sharpshooters. The Government  
mustn't know this fact - for his services  
will be wanted now more and more every  
day when it is known that his arrows are  
of the real lignum vitae and dyed with  
Abolitionism & will strike right into the  
Heart of the Enemy - Young as he is, he knows  
what is what - You never saw a more indignant  
fellow when I told him Fremont was removed,  
he said, he wished all his officers would  
resign - he has kept his Fremont & Darter  
Flag & you can see it at any time hoisted  
at the top of the House - I have only been able  
to go out the pleasant part of the day for  
three weeks - like most adults, I did not  
break out, but my throat was very much  
inflamed for a few days with the other  
symptoms - but I am weak & have to be

very careful of myself - am much better & shall  
go on duty again this week. Fanny is very well  
though she has considerable additional cares  
in consequence of our sickness - Joy is well  
I wrote you he had gone into the Militia - he  
has been there about eight weeks and is  
faithful & proved himself thus far equal  
to the post assigned him - He is becoming  
a very good Bowler Player - Little Thonie is  
a great boy nearly as large as Frank, and  
active & stirring. Chulci is very well most  
of the time. Louisa is very poorly - she and  
Daniel went to Northampton to the Water Cure  
thinking the change would be beneficial  
They remained two days & returned Daniel  
having been taken sick with a bilious Nervous  
Fever & has the Diets (Matthes) but is better  
The excitement & Journey has been of a benefit  
to Louisa thus far - I hope there will be no  
reaction - for she can bear but very little, she  
is so feeble - Arthur was at home a few days  
he is or has just gone again in the same vessel  
the Nightingale to Port Royal - he is & has been  
very well & likes his situation & officers much  
was at the Naval Engagement in the Mississippi  
his vessel got ashore & all the crew were taken  
aboard the other vessels excepting him & <sup>the</sup> Purser  
who were left to set fire to her if necessary  
to prevent her falling in the hands of the enemy.

There was considerable sickness aboard incident  
to the tropical climate - It is a good thing  
for Arthur & I think he will become an  
excellent physician - Gilbert Sherwin's son  
Alexander, has also gone to Fort Murre to  
join Gilly, E. as paymaster, clerk, & his father  
has an army contract for clothes, while  
John Hoskin has been one of Fremont's staff.  
Thus you will see that the descendants of  
Quakers are not all Quakers - Kate is very  
well & is intimate with "our Jessie" who she  
says reminds her more of your sister Caroline  
than any one else - Since Fremont's resignation  
John Hoskin has had several offers, but what  
he will eventually decide on Kate was unable  
to say - All the rest of the family are well as  
usual - Sarah Ann is quite well for her is  
able to go up & down stairs & even dined Thank  
sgiving day at Aunt Sherwin where family are  
Mr Emerson I presume you knew has left the  
High School & gone to Boston with his family  
My friend Maggi now Lieut Col<sup>d</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Regiment has  
nobly refused to return a fugitive, who was hur-  
ried by his master & driven into the lines - he feels  
the poor fellow & bid him God speed - to see his man  
he came to fight for liberty & that he would have  
to answer to a higher tribunal for his cruelty & bid  
him depart hence - Maggi sent me a package of letters  
which I sent to Wendell Phillips - I should like to see  
together when in town - His Col<sup>l</sup> Morse is a slave

catcher. & Maggi has written  
Gov Andrew about it — he  
wrote Phillips, Sumner,  
& Mr Weiss to see the letters,  
& I sent them to Wendell &  
wrote Sumner & Weiss to  
cite in Phillips — Sumner  
wrote Maggi, a beautiful  
note for me to read & forward  
him, thanking him for what  
he had done — stating he should  
denounce from his seat in the  
Senate all officers guilty of  
sending back slaves — Mr  
Weiss is acquainted with Maggi  
& in his letter to me says he  
has written Gov Andrew  
in behalf of Maggi that  
he is a soldier & a Patriot  
to — The facts will be of  
advantage to Phillips, who  
has a very peculiar way  
of making use of all facts.

