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The Churches are disheartened, and meetings are lifeless
attended, the Sabbaths school still flourishes in some measure
two or the hopefull conversions, we have quite an interesting
Bible class, that meet at 5 o'clock Sabbath evening, the Governors
a student of Dartmouth College takes an interest in it,
so that amidst all our darkness there is some ray of light,
now and then darting across our path.

The letter you wrote me last January, gave me much
consolation, I should be glad to have many such, but
I know your avocations are such, that you cannot attend
to all that you would wish, but I hope you will spare
a moment, to pen a few line to me, and if possible see
Betsy. I am in much hurt, being engaged in build
a silk house, the business of raising silk is becoming
popular with us, I hope you will excuse all inac
well as the bad writing and accept this from
your most sincere tho unworthy friend
Elijah Fitch

I have not had time to collect subscribers to
the Emancipator as yet I will endeavour to get
some if possible but from our situation I do not
expect to get many

N B you will find Sister Betsy at
Mr Homer Tolfords N 25 Corner of Hester
And Essex Sts

I will try to give you some account of our concerns in Washington, as it respects my family, it is far different from what it was formerly, you may imagine me a lonely being, altho in the midst of a busy world, my children situated very differently from what they were when you were here, Elizabeth now Mrs Hemenway live with me, and Hannah Elijah & Charles. Nathaniel boards with me, working at the boot business, Fanny now Mrs Sawyer, & Harry, who is married to Susan Hayward, live in the house that William built, at work at the boot business, William and family are at Bucksport Maine, John is with him, whose family remain at Mr Hows at present, Leonard is married in Virginia, Emily is still at Salem, so you see that my family are scattering in different directions, and from this can you imagine the feeling of my heart, if you think you can, I must say you must be mistaken in many things, for in all the variety that is around me, there is a feeling, indescribable within us, which they alone can know that experience it, and I forbear to try the mournfull picture, "The Lord reigneth let the earth rejoice" I trust I have some resignation to the allotments of Providence tho they have seemed to bear very heavily on me.

In our religious concerns we are not very prosperous, Mr Hall is with us but the parish are retrograding, Mr Ole Native Society is increasing, and there is preaching at the upper factory by subscription, of that sound be and should be with us, were there a minister such as should be here, the Universalist occupied the school house in the centre last Sabbath, the Unitarians the town Hall most, we are torn to pieces, and what will be the event I cannot conjecture, dangers stand thick around,

Hopkinton May 13th 1836

Elijah Fitch Hopkinton

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Rev & dear Sir

I received a number of the Emancipator, and I conclude by your direction as it appears by the Editorial signature, and I conclude it will be practicable to get a letter to you at New York, and I embrace the opportunity of sending a line by sister Betsy, as she is going on to visit her Brothers and friends there, I hope you will find her, at Capt Henry Valentine's or at Homer Tilton's as she can give you a more full account of the concerns in Hopkinton than I can put on paper. I have enjoyed very good health since I last wrote, I received yours dated at Providence last January, was very glad to hear from you, you wrote nothing of your wifes health and little son, I should be glad to hear from them. If you can see sister Betsy, and give her all the information you can concerning your family and concerns, it would gratify me, & she will no doubt be very glad to see you. I have had many fears for your personal safety, from what I have heard and rejoice to know that you are not so much exposed to mobocracy, as you have formerly been and I hope you may still advance the cause that you are engaged in, without so much personal danger. I believe the cause will triumph, altho for a while, it will have to struggle with opposition.