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Dan seems to think you have
 forgotten him altogether —
 and the rest of us are all
 much of the same opinion
 I hope you will be persuaded
 to write something to us all
 very soon. I suppose your
 time is precious, but write
 soon, tell us if you have
 made up your mind to be
 here at harvest time, we
 will be glad to see you —

from your
 affectionate Mother

Portage May 12th 1862

Dear John

For a while after
 you left us for Madison.
 I thought you had surely
 stuck fast in snow or mud
 as you have never wrote to
 any of us, my anxiety about
 you was relieved when your
 father brought me the news from
 John Reid that you had got
 safely through the bad roads.
 I hope your health is improving
 and I hope you are enjoying
 your studies at Madison as
 much as ever. I thought
 you would attend the funeral
 services of the Governor — there
 is a great deal said about him —

Things move along here with us - in much the same old way we are all about the same as when you left us - Dad and the girls have spent about a fortnight at the farm - but were very glad to get back to the school again - your Father has taken this house until the first of October, so I don't know whether I will be at the farm at harvest time or not - I have not been at the farm for a long time -

during seed time Postage has looked like a deserted place but is not so bad now - I should think there were stirring times at Madison

we get a daily Sentinel now, so I think we ought to know something about what is taking place in the world -

perhaps you know David is trying to buy Everett's farm, that John Reed had - would you believe he would be so very foolish as get into debt for such a place - John Reed says he has done all he could to prevent him doing such a foolish thing but he seems determined to persevere in his own way - if he gets it, he will be the first to repent of such a transaction when it is too late