Salem, April 6th, 1829

My dear Sir, your letter arrived but I am anxious to hear how you are; you will see by my writing that I am much better than when you left us but I am still very weak but have no pain. Father has just called and told us that your uncle remains your health but had been out any where. I have been one to the corn barn. Father, though very sick, he was taken with a cold and very hard cough and has been ill upwards of three weeks and Dr. Farnham thinks him very dangerous. May God grant that our affections may be sanctified through that which is good for us to be afflicted that we may continue in patience and submission to our calling. I am sure your mother feels very anxious to see you all and your letter feeds very anxious to see you all once more but the roads will be hard. I don't expect you can bring the family with till after you come from NY. Matthew Gardiner wishes to know how you came off before you go to NY. If you can bring him some fish before you come off to NY I can tell you how. I cannot decide to know if you will come keep your name till fall. We all join in love to you all your affectionate brother E. Savage

Hon. John Savage