My Dear Jane

I received yours of the 14. I will not attempt to describe my feelings, but must say that the Bridal Eve was but a faint picture of the joy of this day, because I have not had the joy of a Cordial wish and reception. By nature I am a kind of natural dissembler which I could not hide. I had so long been thinking of you and your feelings and knowing that you would recall the strength of them that it was out of my power. All of a sudden to hear you speak to the joy I felt. I must say that the distinct manner which you have ever shown in our family has given me some surprise, although I suppose it is due to nature and to the years of man and womanhood because I see it derives from and especially the girls you remember how effectual they were when small and have seen them almost from some talking of the same thing, how they said to keep you when you had been gone. But said they have not done so. Now they believed you disliked that Childish fondness. How it is that the girls of the meeting of Mrs. Williams and his children at Mr. Slate and how effectual they were. I could plainly read what was passing in their minds and often tell them that People were not all a like and it was not the difference in the face but the manner of showing it. Yet I must say that when I have been at the children when all have together and thought to myself, you little thought how much information you might give them by being a little more familiar in your manners. I hope you will be firm in your resolution and that we shall all be permitted to meet and participate in all those benefits which we have so often shared together through the mercy of the great King. I think that it is my duty much more than yours to acknowledge my errors in disposition that will not attempt at this time; we have the measles in the family and five of our six are now. You will hardly have to set the little one, when all are well, to take the rest never did a sick time yet. I hear that Mr. Slater continues to miss he has not returned from Birmingham. I believe Mr. Sanford expects the Major this evening. I think I rejoice for him. It has been a matter of doubt whether they came last time. His health is very poor. We have nothing of importance respecting our domestic affairs, we have a cold and one little boy smart, we have had no family treat this 5 or 6 weeks.
the Town officers. I supposed Job had mentioned it before about this. I believe, however, that the Edge of South Andover is rather settled in this Town and you will join with me when you are told. They have taken in to the Baptist Church one of the Preachers without a remonstrance the man is Capt. John Parks you may make your own comment.

I must close it is again a time to go to the office.

I remain your ever true and constant

Martha Finch

Their Isaac Finch.