

As my dear son of General
I will do not have any more
to bring on that subject of yours
from England to all countries
friends, I affectionately love 13 & 14
and write a great deal of news
tell me all about the country
crops and people, Give my
Best Respects to all of my
Friends, and tell them if they
do not visit me soon I shall
be very angry with them, How
did you find Mr & Mrs Clinton
I suppose they were not a little
surprised to see you, and see
you looking so young. I hear
that Harriet writes that you
are looking ten years younger
than when you left home.
I have not seen any of the Ladies
here that agreed to take such
good care of me, Ellen comes
nearly every day to make my
bed and sweep out &c

Ausabk Forks May 13/78
My Dear Wife Your post of
of May 6th was thankfully
received, You say that you have
not heard one word from me
since you left home, the day
after you left I received a letter
from Bill enclosing a draft
for \$20, I wrote her at once
enclosing the check, and wrote
to you at the same time. Bill
told me to direct my letters to her
and she would forward them
to you, I am well and get
on first rate although it is
a little lousome evening -
you ask me to tell you all the
news also what I have done in
the garden, the work you left
it rained all of the time and

I did not have the garden ploughed
until last Monday and it was
so wet I let it lay three days
before I made the beds. I sowed
one paper of but Sued in money
of the ninth intending to sow
the carrots & parsnips in the
afternoon but it commenced
raining and did nothing in
the garden and have done
nothing more, it is very cold
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days, I am afraid that we
shall have a hard freeze, the
only thing that will prevent a
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weather, as to the news I have
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measles, Mrs Nathaniel
White died this morning
after you left home, I do not

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Mr Franklin Tobys death,
he died May 5 on board of
Steamer on his way home
was buried last Thursday
at Port Henry, Mr Chatham
attended the funeral, he told
me there was a very large
procession, I have not heard
how his Mother bore the news
of his death, I have not seen
any of Tobys people since you
left, Frank & Milly & Barty
was down last week all well
I will send this to Bell and
have her forward it to you -
I have had a letter from Earl
and Bell and will answer
them to night if my eyes
do not fail me, it is near nine
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*Letter from Benjamin Carter Pierce to his wife dated May 13, 1878
From Ausable Forks. They are in their mid 60's no envelope*

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I did not have the garden ploughed until last Monday and it was so wet I let it dry three days before I made the beds. I sowed one paper of beet seed in morning of the ninth intending to sow the carrots or the parsnips in the afternoon but it commenced raining and did nothing in the garden and have done nothing ~~now~~^{more}. It is very cold here and has been for three days. I am fearful that we shall have a hard freeze. The only thing that will prevent a frost is the cloudy and windy weather. As to the news I have not much to write. There has been one more Death from Measles. Mrs. Nathaniel White died the morning after you left home. I do not

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me to make. Write me at once and write a great deal of news Tell me all about the country crops and people. Give my Best Respects to all of my friends and tell them that if they don't visit me soon I shall be very angry with them, How did you find Mr. & Mrs. Christon[?] I suppose they were not a little surprised to see you and see you looking so young. I learn that Harriet writes that you are looking ten years younger than when you left home. I have not seen any of the Ladies here that agreed to take such good care of me. Ellen comes nearly every day to make my bed and sweep out etc

Written upside down at the top of the same page...

Take good care of yourself and do not take any cold so as to bring on tht cough of yours Give my love to all enquiring friends, Affectionately Yours

B.C. Pierce