

Cedar Point Jan 31st 1853

Dear Friend,

Though it has been
a very long time since I wrote
and a much longer time since
I received an answer from you.
I have made up my mind
not to be silent any longer
so this time I will break the
long silence and if you become
so again I will expect you to
do it. I am now all alone
that is I live by myself. or in
other words I am keeping back
to all this year. but this is one
of the nights that I have company
and as my company has ordered
I thought I would write a letter
to some one and I did not
who was more worthy of it than
you. Tom Cornum is one of the
great dogs with us in this
neighborhood. There is to be a great
fox hunt. but I will not be with