as a settlement unless there be a considerable emigration to this point, as those who are already here sit supinely down and depend entirely on the natives for all their supplies, they will not even cultivate their small patches of ground around them to relieve their necessities in time of need and want, their only employment is waiting for a demand of lumber by Missionaries or others who may be in want and able to pay for it a 6 & 8cts pr. foot. and mechanics to build for them this is the case with the largest proportion of our Colonists at this, and when this kind of work can not be obtained, they prefer stalking in and through the woods & bushes in search of game without meeting with any success more than one day in five or Six, rather than cultivate the ground for their support, but depend entirely on Missionaries & the few Merchts who are here to get supplies in some way or other independant of agriculture. — Our Mercantile operations are failing for want of protection from our Governt our trading points are flooded by foreigners and our crafts can do but little in procuring produce from this cause

I am enjoying fair health with the exception of my skin disease, which do not give me more trouble than to medicate every evening and I would or could say that I am quite well and hearty, and hope you and Kate are enjoying very fair health

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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