

Dear Father, ~~Box~~ July 1st 1845

I expected an answer to my
last but was disappointed M^r Merrill desired
me to get a Book of Surveying and not Algebra
but I delayed until I would hear from you,
Write and let me know whether I shall get
it or what I am to do, in the mean time I believe
I can borrow one M^r Thomsons wagon is just
returned from ~~Cambridge~~ Cambridge. Grace Thomas
last Sunday was throwing a stone at some
apples and the stone bounced back and cut her
head to the bone The Doc^t said had it been 6 in
further to the one side it would have killed
her. Yesterday evening the whole Ark and
ceiling of our Church fell in & crashed all the
seats down. What a happy thing it did fall
before Sunday when we would have been in
Church. Give my love to all, I remain

your Dutiful
Son C Birnie