

about one week ago with Mary as much as a day, she came here to this house  
 this morn of the distressing illness of her daughter, when she  
 had to stand up to provide the meat for the dinner, when she  
 say that this would be a great deal more than she could do  
 Sunday, Jan 9th. I have enough of that  
 pay for getting ready I have not spent I have got, I feel as if I should enjoy  
 how I have got along for money. I have not spent I have got, I feel as if I should enjoy  
 left yet, that you left at home to last me until spring  
 if I pinch myself as I have done and stay at home all the  
 times I pay a father forty three dollars and of it for board  
 and Benj the ten you borrowed of him and the rest what  
 I have not spent I have got, I feel as if I should enjoy  
 myself better to go to keeping house in the spring, it is very  
 hard work for your mother to get along with a large family  
 and they all think I had better buy a few things just to  
 keep house on a small scale. I suppose I can hire a part  
 of Mrs Nortons new house or Mrs S Dunc. on the hill  
 I cannot bare to go down the street to live any how  
 I tried this fall to get a place to board but I found  
 that I should have to pay from two \$ and a 1/2 to 3 \$  
 for a room and my vitals and not many like to take  
 me with a child for that. I thought I could not afford  
 that & so I have stay where I was think it will be cheaper  
 to keep house than pay so high board, and I can but hope  
 that you will be at home next fall and I feel as though  
 I want to be settled somewhere for a home of my own  
 for I experience many disagreeable things in being situated  
 as I now am and as I have been ever since I have had a  
 troublesome child. I have not said anything about buying  
 Capt Fosters house he lives in it I have never heard that  
 he want to sell I am, it is the last place that I want to  
 live in that old house all put up with powder post I should  
 rather have a log cabin built if I can have it where I would  
 it. your folks say they do not blame me one mite for not wanting that

to believe Peter that you will indulge me in having a new house where I want if I should  
 be willing to have a small one and over to find within my own doors especially if I have  
 things I said & that I know will suit you as you are such a home body you will