

My Dear Wife

Washington 12th Feb. 1840

I send you by the Mail to day some Broccoli, Egg plant and Early York Cabbage seeds, which I hope will reach you in safety.

I was alarmed some days ago by intelligence from H. Collins that Mr. Erwin had failed. I was relieved a few days after by a letter received from him in which he states that he is not broke nor can be broke, altho he is somewhat involved by indorsements for Mr. Beall, which he thinks Mr. Beall will himself be able to pay. This occurrence has made me more anxious to withdraw my funds from his hands, and I hope to receive them next month.

Thomas informs me that you gave him the two checks which I left with you. As I have money in the Bank, I send you another, which I hope you will freely use. I wish you would say to Thomas that if Mr. Sullons Hemp and Bacon do not go too high that I think it will be well to purchase them.

I have changed my quarters, and now live with Mrs. Requies where I was last winter. I have a very good Miss consisting of Mr. Sallonsall & his family and Mr. Henderson and his. I pay but fifteen dollars a week for Charles and myself.

I have received a letter from John who I see has reached home. I hope that he will conduct himself

affectionately