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**DESCRIPTION OF REPRODUCED ITEM:**

Elizabeth Huntington. ALS, to My dear Frederic, Tuesday afternoon, [1845] July 15. In: Porter-Phelps-Huntington Family Papers, box 12, folder 10).

Rev. F. D. Huntington

Boston -

Tuesday afternoon July 15<sup>th</sup>

My dear Frederic, By Arthur, who intends leaving tomorrow, I must say to you that your visit here with your family, was one of those refreshing "streams in the desert," which often gush forth to gladden and sustain us as we pass on to the "heavenly Canaan"; to see each others faces in health & peace, is surely matter of rejoicing, but to speak and hear of the things of "the Kingdom", and to unite in our prayers and thanksgiving to God, who is "our Father and loveth us" - is not this far better? - Even this capacity for enjoyment, as well as all the various sources from whence enjoyment comes, is his gift, and let his be the glory. -

How much I thank you all as you moved homeward on Saturday - I felt particularly anxious on little George's account as the weather was so warm; and on the Sabbath as I was sending <sup>2</sup>those ministers to preach the word, I feared that the heat would be almost overpowering to them as well as to multitudes who were employed in the same way. As for us we all spent the day at home - excepting that I went up to see Theophilus, who in the morning consulted Doct. Hoey - he gave him some medicine which relieved him and he has been able to work this week. -

I hope soon to hear that George is no worse  
Do write soon and tell us what Doct. Perry  
thinks - I long to see his smiling face &  
kiss his sweet neck and bosom - his tea spoon  
was left here, and a little medicine - the  
box too which I thought might keep me in  
his memory a short time I found - the  
last I shall send with the others, it may  
amuse him a few minutes - but he will  
have no idea of his grand mother who  
loves him so well, and thinks so much about  
him, and desires so earnestly that he may  
be sanctified from his infancy that he may  
be a blessing to his parents, and be ever the Lord's.  
your father and William return'd yesterday  
before dinner - the former is very busy with  
feeding his innumerable multitude - the latter  
finds it necessary to assist duty in taking care  
of little Willy who does not get well tho' he is  
some better - he thinks of taking his family to  
Cherterfield in a few days - he cannot get them  
boarded at Bernardston. - He preach'd a third  
sermon at Brattleborough. They came home by  
Dorfield - Helen had not return'd - so many  
short sentences must close the communication.  
Tell Hannah the more I know of her, the  
better I love her. I would wish you to help  
George for me, but I suppose you have  
not one to spare - I rejoice that you have  
such a kind faithful nurse - give my love to her  
and be assur'd of the unchanging affection of your mother Elizabeth -