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DESCRIPTION OF REPRODUCED ITEM:

Elizabeth Huntington. ALS (Elm Valley), to Edward, 1842 Sep 14. In:
Porter-Phelps-Huntington Family Papers, box 12, folder 5).

Elm Valley Sept. 14th 1842 -

My dear Son Edward,

It is hardly necessary to say to you, that after such a pleasant visit as we had at your house, my thoughts should frequently recur to it, as I am pursuing the regular course of household concerns here at home. more especially ~~was~~ there a kind of intercourse of spirits at dinner the Day after our return; for you may be assured that after such a violent struggle as took place ~~where~~ we were seated in this ~~ex-~~ ^{riage}, something of importance remain. ~~to be~~ ^{the next days} ~~done~~ ^{then} was accomplished silently and without offence, and I had the satisfaction of partaking with a high relish, of your banished ~~but~~ ^{restored} cabbage. - Your remarks on the subject, in your letter, were very amusing, and I could not but think that this was a highly privileged cabbage head. It will be well if its fellows are as highly distinguished.

From Frederic's letter, we learn that your house continues to attract visitors. - I hope Helen's strength will hold out and patience too. You

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ought to be thankful that your friends do not
all make long visits. I have been hoping to hear
that your mother Williams is with you, she would
be a help and comfort too. you very kindly
and certainly very unexpectedly invited me to
make you a visit of several days - it will be
very gratifying to me to do so - and I shall look
forward to it as a bright spot in my horizon.
I shall however choose to keep pretty near home
till our friends arrive from France, - and after
that shall hope to see you, ^{and Felix} here. As the time
approaches that we may expect them, fears mingle
with our hopes - and we can only say -
"If the Lord will, we shall live and do this or
that." How desirable is that spirit which can
say in view of any event, "They will be done!"

We were over on the sabbath to Northamp-
ton - Mr George Ellis preached two very good ser-
mons, in the morning from these words - "For he
knew what was in man" - In the afternoon,
"It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps!"
Charles had designed to go to Boston last Friday
but was detained by the illness of little
Edward, who in addition to his other complaints
has an attack of the Cholera Infantum -
we have not heard from him since the sabbath.

Mr. William Dickinson died last week of Dropsy.
Theresa has had two attacks of fever since we were
at Cabotville - they both yielded to medical treatment
with the divine blessing, in a day or two. He is
about the house and rides out on errands, but is
not able to work; it is trying in the midst of so
much work to be able only to look on; in this case
patience is very necessary, and perhaps the character
be more improved, than when in perfect health.
God grant that the discipline of earth, may fit us all
for the purity and peace of heaven.

Your father wishes me to say to you
that if you will advance 150 Dollars for Mr.
Bardwell, the first of October, he will make
up the remainder. -

So you are to have Frederic with you to preach the
first sabbath in October - if the distance between us
was ten miles only, we should be glad to attend
your place of worship at that time. - Your
father has written to Frederic, that if he will not
obstinately refuse to take a part in the ordination
services, but will be guided by his wishes. -

With affectionate salutations from the family
to yourself and Helen believe me yours with
a mother's love. Elizabeth -

Mr. Edward P. Huntington

Cabotville —