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Dear friends

I suppose you have anxiously waiting to hear from us I would have written before but circumstances would not permit when we arrived here my strength was nearly exhausted I got to Syracuse Thursday night and staid untill Monday and intended to have written immediately and my arrival here we did not get here untill noon and then had all our things to regulate which took me untill Tuesday night on Wednesday. Album was taken ~~which has engaged~~ all my attention ~~untill now~~ Album was taken with what the physicians call a cerebral complaint he was taken with what we thought to be a weakness in the back the doctor <sup>says</sup> the disease was seated near the kidneys at times he has been in the most severe pains and not able to bear his weight on his feet we think he is recovering and is so that he can walk about the house when he left Jacob in Albany his cries were very hard fare and how for Jacob to come was very troublesome about it all day when I got to Syracuse it was ~~so~~ ~~dark~~ it was asleep I took him and my ~~stole~~ ~~and~~ ~~basket~~ and went for my baggage he teased and cried finally I saw my trunk spoke the fellow he did not hear a gentleman stood by me spoke to him he advanced a little towards me and asked me if it was Fair Road baggage meaning baggage for Auburn I told him no he mis understood me and threw it with the ~~other~~ ~~baggage~~ the mistake created some excitement among the passengers some of them told me where I wished to go I told them and one of them spoke

to the Boat Agents and they came to me and told me they would  
get my trunk and take it to the boat and sort out of the  
hands to show me to the Boat after I had got on board of the  
boat Albion would not become acquainted with any one nor allow  
them to touch him when he came to the table he would tell  
how the old rooster was killed and ask for bossy calves tongues  
when they come to prepare the berths and I put it to bed he would  
cry as loud as he could me wont be waked me wont be waked and  
throw himself out of bed as fast as I could put him in it was very lonesome  
untill I got to ~~Buffalo~~ his arm was very sore all ~~the way~~ home it was very much  
inflamed his shirt sleeve became attached to it so that I had to cut it off  
I had a very good boat and agreeable company and had as pleasant a journey  
as could be expected we arrived at Buffalo some time in the night Sunday  
night I had a good deal of anxiety whether I should find V or not  
but I was awakened out of a sound sleep by the voice enquiring of some  
of the passengers ~~whether there was a lady and~~ if there was a lady and  
child ~~on board~~ on board unattended we had a very pleasant time in  
coming from Buffalo I enjoyed his ride very much but ~~was~~ <sup>one night</sup>  
back some and very saw mill or other old building it would be by  
Pakes saw mill after we had stopped for the night and V was putting  
out his horse he got his cap on and started down the street nearly as far  
as the forest and when V overtook him he ~~se~~ screamed me first  
saw mill he was greatly pleased with the idea of going to church and  
Pake saw church when we got there and told him he must be still as  
was at church he says when he church he behaved very well untill

they began to sing he then raised up his hands to beat the time and <sup>to sing</sup> to sing  
nobly gay at the top of his voice and when he had got through he stopped with  
hah steam as loud as he could scream part of the roots that I brought  
with me I think will live at least one to two bush and the soil when we  
coming from Luffels we saw large numbers of the sweet beane in bloom  
we took up some and we think it will live when I left off last evening  
entirely to have ~~us in some more~~ but we were waiting for the letter  
I must close the only thing that prevented ~~Mr. Don~~ from going home was his health  
she sends love to all her relatives and friends give my love and best wishes for  
their welfare to Sarah Ann Mrs. Mayfields Mrs. Greene Zachs folks Decca  
and all that feel an interest in ~~my~~ welfare and for yourselves except my  
best love and sweet prayers for your present future and eternal happiness  
I will write as I can  
Yours affectionately  
Lewis

June 27<sup>th</sup> 1840

Dear Friends I embrace a few moments in which  
if I can make myself intelligible in consequence of a swollen  
fellow on one of my fingers I shall be able to write but not  
little it has been so that I have done no work of any account  
for nearly three weeks I can do some work now I received a letter  
the day before she was to start and left for Buffalo Thursday  
~~and then Sunday about 10:30 about 10:30 the boat that~~  
the passengers from the Wednesday Evening train arrived in fact I despite  
of the disappointment the best manner I could I examined every boat  
that came in until after 11 o'clock two boats came in about that  
one of the captains said he had the passengers from the Thursday morning  
train the other said he had not at least they had none that I wanted and  
of them said ~~then~~ the passengers from that train was behind so I waited until  
morning in the morning the boat I expected was in fact we left Buff

about 10 bells and came to Mansfield on Thursday  
I should like to write but cannot do it now  
I must tell Grandpa that he can blow his whistle  
to tell me all that has been said and done since I came  
give my love to all my friends in New and may the  
of God so guide us that we may be permitted at last  
with all our friends in Heaven James B. Q.

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we would gladly fill the chest but  
returning the shells and we want the  
to go by this mail we will try to  
write my letter write soon  
W. J.