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New Castle Park Co. Feb 25th

Dear G. Father

This leaves in tolerable health and
and hope when it reaches you that you may not
be in possession of health but enjoying your usual
peace and tranquility of mind. Since you were
among us there has been some changes in our family
Conjunction. We returned a week ago from Andover
Bazel. Nathaniel's family are well but we witnessed
the departure of Elizabeth Doty for another and no
doubt a better world. Her death was triumphant.
She left this world in peace fully resigned to the will
of her Maker; after having consigned her husband
and children to the care of him whose blessing eye
would be over them & protect them through the
troubles of this life; she died the 26th Jan^y 49 and was
Buried on the 27th. Mr. Purgous preached his funeral sermon.
My friend Samuel has got the California fever and is
determined to leave & I will have to buy him out to
prevent one from coming in with me that I do not
want. I have offered him \$150. and take the Board
Lot. Rates effect. &c. — and if I can succeed in
Borrowing the money I will try make it up in the
year to come. I would like to know if there is any
likelihood of your receiving the appointment we spoke
about as I will get some one in the shop but must
arrange accordingly. I was at home on Saturday
last at work all my time. He cannot succeed in
getting the lot of the Doctor for a meeting house
but will do our best for one else where.

We are doing what we can in the shape of subscription
& it will be by the toughest of me do succeed
Hoping to see you ere long if not to meet you when
we never will part again I remain yours in love & affection
J. W. Smith