

Longmeadow Octo<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1824

Dear Sir

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Your letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> was duly received, but owing to the pressure of business I was not able to give it that immediate attention which the subject demanded. Your proposition though unexpected involves a subject not entirely new of the utility of which I am firmly convinced. The sons of our rich men and nobles probably could not be prepared for active usefulness in any place so well as an institution of this kind. I am much inclined to think favourably of your proposition notwithstanding some of my friends seem to oppose the idea of my leaving home but before I can give ~~any~~ <sup>any</sup> answer it would be necessary that I should know the time it is to commence its operations and the amount of the salary. The income of a farm Sir as you well know must depend on several circumstances - 1<sup>st</sup> the state of cultivation - under this head may be intended the quantity of arable, mowing & pasturing land and the state of its fences - 2<sup>d</sup> the situation of the buildings on the farm - whether it lies around the buildings and its situation with regard to market & the convenience of transportation - I can't find out whether it lies on the Canal or not, if you have time please to mention the probable amount of the salary - and if you think it best I might visit the place this fall. With affectionate regard to your family I subscribe myself your very Obedt Servt South Eliot

Jonathan Ely  
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New Bedford I.D.

September

At York



Longmeadow June 27

1823-

I am happy to find that your fears are obviated, which I  
about suppose must be many I shant have no doubt  
on the sole of due respect for I am well aware of  
the Dignity of your appearance which will ever command  
the greatest respect You say you have altered yes I  
can testify to that The first part of the time I was in  
college with you I had no idea of your ever being a  
Dutor in college not because your talents were not  
sufficient for I always had the highest opinion of your  
native talents but because I fear you would not  
be stable enough - and this alteration I think you may  
well ascribe to your good fathers prayers and living -  
in the company of a right down clever fellow now  
two years. Yes C. as you say Ambition is the ruling principle  
of our hearts and works to God if it was a Holy aim  
for it is to be feared a sinful ambition has ruined  
a youth - yes and has done more than any other principle to  
wards profligating the regions of despair - C. the Auspices that  
attend you are indeed favourable & flattering & all I can say  
is God speed - It is strange you should vex me on the subject  
of matrimony - for that little fine pretty sweet female  
lovely girl said No!! and so it is to your hitty question  
but she is a long girl not with standing and I believe still  
if she was to marry she would have me if she could have  
a master - but perhaps that won't be so hard again  
you are really very consoling saying it is well if off or on -  
all may be but when a mans face is turned toward on he do

he don't like off - but I am pretty well off and shall remain  
so for some time perhaps as long as I live - then just come  
your oldest son Jonathan and remember him in  
my will - mind and spell it right - Please excuse me  
for you always spell my name the old way - I have been anxious  
to see how you are bagged by the feminine gender - it  
seems you have the galls as well as ever altho'  
though you are a Tutor it seems curious that  
you should have those girls in to when it is not lawful  
for a man to have more than one wife - I suspect  
to get rid of all handsomely you must keep away  
from them till they have an taking for other  
men and then determine not to go at all with the  
girls till you are ready to go the whole - I say this  
because it is my determination - They are poor creatures  
and like drowning persons catch at straws - If you  
see a girl in your part of the country that  
would like a pretty good sort of a fellow and if  
she has a fine long purse just send her to me or tell  
me where I may find her and I'll be your  
little servant she will want a good disposition a good mind  
& looks - You ask about Miss Cooper - she is now here expect-  
ing to go away soon - She went south last fall and  
left her son under my care so that you see she has  
great confidence in me - She returned this spring so  
that you need not be told she loves as much as ever but  
this can't be reciprocal for I don't know her if the  
every hair in her head was a diamond & what makes it  
fair she knows it & says she shall never marry & shall love  
me as long as she lives and when she dies make an heir of

Chm I wish to transfer my relation from the church  
of Christ in Sherristeady to the Church of Christ in Long-  
Meadow - I have thought of writing to Doct Nott on this  
subject but our farming business drives so much that I  
shall not have time. I wish you would mention it to our  
min and get a description and recommendation sent to me  
by mail. I would send to him in preference to any other be-  
cause he is like a father to the Presbyteria - C. Write me  
soon and dont pay the postage again I beg of you

Son. 8/4 1821



Longmeadow Mass June 28<sup>th</sup>

/ Dk

Mr John H. Yates  
Sherristeady  
New York

yours in haste though with the strongest affection your Ely  
If there is an office in College vacant just send on - with out  
delay

Johnathan Ely A.B. 1821

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