

BELFAST ACADEMY GRANT, July 31, 1844.

MY DEARLY BELOVED WIFE AND CHILDREN :

This is the third day that it has rained, and I do not go out much. I am at the house of Gen. Cummings,\* the uncle of Isaac and Rebecca Cummings of Bangor. They are very kind, hospitable people. He and his wife and son's wife are Baptist professors. This place is seven miles from Houlton. I preached here, last Sabbath, to a small, crowded school-house. Two men and their wives came from Limerick, round through Houlton, twelve miles.

The next day after I wrote to you last, I preached a lecture, two miles North of Houlton village; on the next day preached again at Hodgdon, five miles South of H. Saturday I went to Linneus, ten miles on the road toward Bangor, and stayed at the house of Bro. Nickerson.† The children were all at home. In the evening, Edward and his wife came in and we had a prayer meeting. In the morning we went to the school-house where Elizabeth teaches, four miles, and I preached to more than a house full. Sister N. rode with us, and carried a little baby four or five weeks old. Went back to Bro. N.'s house, and stayed all night. Next morning he handed me a five dollar bill and wished me to let him have some books for it.

I then returned to Houlton; stayed at Sister Hussey's. Her husband is an innkeeper, not a professor but a very kind and pleasant man. He told me to make it my home when I wished. Tuesday afternoon, I came to this place. Wednesday morning, I left my horse at Gen. C's and, walking about a mile and a half, I called at every house. Then I went one mile, North, through the

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\*John Cummings came to the plantation of New Limerick, some little time prior to the year, 1830. He had been living at Winthrop, Kennebec Co., and owed his title of General to position in the State Militia.

By deed of Aug. 28d, 1830, the Trustees of Belfast Academy conveyed to him several lots of land in their Grant, which lay just North of the Limerick Grant.

He soon moved his family to the Belfast land, and lived there till the time of his death. He was the first settler on the Grant, and a man of influence through the communities about.

†Thomas Nickerson with his wife and quite a large family of children, moved from Charleston, Penobscot Co. to Linneus, in March, 1842. He bought out some person who had begun an improvement on the lot, and received his deed from the Proprietor, John Hodgdon, in the Fall of 1843. Mr. Nickerson had the title of Colonel from Militia service, and was acquainted with Mr. Spaulding and his family while the latter was settled in Corinth. Col. Nickerson was a pleasant and hospitable man in his home, and the minister was always a welcome guest. He was a strong supporter of the Baptist cause during his active life.