

Maui Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> 1848

My dear Mr. Co.

Your very kind letter was recd  
a few days since we were truly glad to hear  
from you again. I have written but very  
little since G. M. the care and the teaching  
my five children furnishes employment  
for every moment and night and aching  
limbs frequently find many things unknown  
We have had a very pleasant summer and  
fall and have had better health than we  
before at Maui. This month so far has  
been rainy. Sat. night we had thunder &  
lightning all night in the morning our  
house was surrounded with a pond of water  
and a foot or more under all our floors  
The bell for meeting was not rung till 3 o'clock  
in the afternoon - to day is quite raining we  
are still flooded in doors and out  
All my children have had the measles and all  
recovered but little Samuel it is four weeks  
since he had them and is quite unwell now  
he was very sick a week. His teeth are  
thunder and troubling him several of the boys  
in school have the hooping cough - but are  
not very sick with it yet. In and he & you  
will have seen how their little Anabella  
We have had to get along with sick domestics

I hope to answer Mr. Co's letter soon

on without them for 8 weeks. Sick and a little  
better than sick again or friends dying by could  
had the measles got out and a diarrhea set in  
he but just lived with arm cure and nurs-  
ing and was getting out when he heard that his  
father was dying and went to see him. His  
father is dead and he is sick and away so far that  
we cannot take care of him

Mrs. M. Chamberlain

Worcester

Now if Mr. W. scholars has died it has been a great  
curse to take care of them some one still quite  
feeble - Now this people melt away from death  
their future prospects it should be sent some  
one to see by a boat about two weeks ago if we  
could have found or way to take them down to the  
landings we had no nation but a sick boy that  
could hardly move Our united love to you all  
yours L. C. H. Hilcox