My dear sir. Litchfield Feby 8th 1821. 184

I am happy to acknowledge your Letter of the 4th instant and to know that you are well. I have rec'd two Letters from Louisa at Boston; in one of my Letters to her I expressed the opinion that she ought to remain there till Spring. I am alarmed at your frequent excursions on the Water during the winter, which I hope you will refrain from in future. It will be but time enough if you [illegible] your family by Litchfield, where we will make you at least comfortable. I must claim George's promise to stay here and go to our Schools.

The Barley will be very acceptable and if our Swans are to be like the present, all the other productions of Lapland, would find themselves on a kindred climate.

Alvin got home well and I find his Bride a very amiable young woman and I doubt not she will be a comfort to this Family.

I grieve to hear that your Brothers health is restored: if without giving offence, you can influence him to dispose of his Estate in Cuba, you will render him the greatest benefit; while he owns it, it will present continual temptations to visit and perhaps to settle in that Country & requires expensive advantages resulting from wealth, can afford a compensation for the Sacrifices which would be necessary.