New York, July 14th 1838

Dear Brother Ames,

When I read your letter, I thought to myself that I could write you a letter while you were at Concord but press of business has prevented my writing till now. One reason why I am more than ever anxious to get to New York - I have received a letter from our dear father this morning, requesting me to let him know when I should probably be in Charleston as it was his intention to meet us there; therefore, I wish you could let him know immediately of receipt of this, that we intend to leave New York on Thursday, the 15th August, and to be at Charleston on Saturday following - but if anything should occur to prevent our starting on the 15th, we shall probably start on the 16th, so as to be in Charleston on the 17th. The time will soon pass to bring that desirable moment of meeting you and all our connections in N.Y. -

You can well imagine my feelings on reading your letter - as we shall probably meet soon to interchange our thoughts and sentiments, I forebear any remarks on the untimely death of our loving sister Lydia - From father's letter I learn that Brother Jared is expected in Unity at the time of our visit; I hope he will be there for I wish to see him very much, although an interview between us may be of but little or no use. My dear brother, I look upon him as being in a very great error - an error which makes him, his family, and very frequently many of his dear friends, very uncomfortable, troubling themselves about other people's business, about what may happen to them after they are dead and the like.

Now I am consciencious in the performance of what I really consider my duty as our father or brother Jared can be. I have ever been in the pursuit after truth, and I trust that now and then I have been able to get hold of some - however, I am not inclined to give up the pursuit yet - I must close and make it up in talking when I see you - Give our love to all

Yours affectionately,

D. Perkins