

Dear Sir

Mr. Danforth has just arrived with accts from you. The message which he brought expecting many demands an immediate answer, which I hardly know how to give. The inconvenience of doing without his assistance the enforcing season I could readily submit to provided I could be satisfied that it would be for his interest. He has now a tolerable common education, and for a person at his time of life and situated as he is, to continue at school a long time, and at a great expense when his attentions elsewhere would answer a valuable purpose; and all this without any particular object in view, but leaving the advantages which may be denied from a well directed education to chance and return to rest and forget it on a farm would be money badly laid out and time misspent.

I am extremely sorry that you could not have written lengthily and very particularly on the above subject, with your opinion thereon and Harry's views and intentions. It is true that it is extremely difficult for any but those experienced in the sciences to point out the advantages and disadvantages attending them, which is out of my power to do, and which is nevertheless a necessary foundation on which to form a conclusion. From the above you may easily draw the proper inference, and will be enabled to judge whether it will be a real object for him to stay or not, if he is to stay it ought to be understood as laying a foundation for this purpose thro life, in which case he ought to send home his horse, to be as economical as possible, which puts me in mind of another circumstance which is the difficulty I should find in furnishing the supplies. I think in making the above statement I have adhered strictly to candor and reason, wish, you to take a deliberate and general view of the matter, and without weighing any local wish or circumstance decide upon it as may be for the best. Yet before I close my remarks I must again urge, "that there ought to be an object, great, than the common advantage of schooling to induce him at this time to continue longer at school. Accept my kindest wishes and affectionate love to Roxe, Lydia, Mary, the children, and the Doctor and Nancy if you see them.

Yours affectionately Edward Paine

Grand River March 30th 1806

Mr. Jasper Parrish-

Edward & Mary} Paine cannot suffer this to pass without inserting their affectionate regard to all the persons above mentioned, and promise to write something before long, at present the messenger can wait for nothing more.

Friends generally well. Adieu

Your first message by Capt. Skinner did not arrive until after I had written to you on the above subject.

E.P.

Gen. Paine  
Letter March 30  
1806

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