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My dear Sir — I have been endeavouring to sell property since writing you last, and have some offers, — but none of cash — I cannot find any person who will talk about trading unless it is by exchange — A man here has a house almost new the bills of which amounted to \$2,500 and the lot \$800 — he offered it to me for a farm I have in Parsonsfield and to pay me \$500 in two years. — but the situation of this house will not do for me to live in — and it will not rent for so much as the farm produces and the farm is going better, and the house work is exposed in case of invasion — I am exceedingly perplexed — my friends at home have been so dissatisfied at my leaving them, that they will not do me any favour, — and some of them try to injure me — I do not deserve such returns. — I have all my days, put myself out, all times to aid my relations and friends, and when they needed it. — and always made arrangements to meet my own obligations, — and my present ones I had made such arrangements as did, at the time appear amply sufficient for the intended purposes, — but accidents accrued, as I have so often stated to you, which it was impossible to foresee and provide against — provided the times were as heretofore I should not need

other assistance than what I could command —
although every call that can come against ^{me} ~~me~~ will not
amount to the value of a midling ^{percepting my situation} ~~far~~ ^{cannot}
command money scarcely for the daily support of my
Family, — notwithstanding I am so well established
in this place, they cannot pay their bills, not one in forty
of them who are considered good

if I could get \$1000 for a farm worth \$3000 I would accept it
rather than be the least trouble to my friends.

Brother Potter is very good a Brother, he said he would
~~do~~ do all in his power to aid me, — but he observed that
his enemies had tried to injure him and run down
his credit, ^{and} although they could not essentially injure him
yet he was obliged to be very cautious in his engagements,
I feel afraid to ask him to indorse ^{for me} now for fear he might
injure himself to help me, and I know that what to do

I am behind hand in the Portland Bank \$200 1/2 days
and a quarter rent of some taxes, and other small debts
all of them are called for and, my confidence being
hereby — I did not believe that I should ever be reduced
to these complaints, and it is extremely mortifying to me
to do it — to lose my credit after being so well established
and at my time of life too, is peculiarly oppressive,

if my friends will not lend me any of their names, when
they can so safely do it, and be so amply rewarded therefor
I must submit to the expence of 20 little bills of cost and
to the will of those creditors.

I am extremely sorry to be so troublesome to you, nothing
but necessity would induce it, — I wish you would
for a few minutes, make my situation your own

and then do by me, as you would in reverse of circum-
stances, (which I hope will never be) wish to be done by,
we have been looking many days for the long visit of
Mrs King which she has so often promised, the riding
is excellent now — we hope you will improve it
immediately —

your brother — Aaron Potter —

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