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Dear Uncle Elias:

Your Esteemed
letter is at hand. I was afraid "the
worst will come to the worst" and
by that I mean either for me to go
as a tramp or accept of your
offer of assistance in extremity.

I have tried so hard and have failed
so signally to secure employment. I
have not spent anything unnecessarily
unless helping ^{some} poor soul who seemed
to me more needy than I was comes
under that head. Perhaps my present
condition is the natural rebound from
the violence with which I threw
myself against common usage.
I know I have been condemned for my
course as to Christianity and yet there

would be as much reason to censure
a man for lunacy. My every desire
and thought was for the elevation of
my fellow man and I failed in that
not because I was wrong, but on
account of the Merely nominal Christianity
of N.C. Baptists. I was not fit for
business at that time and as an honest
man duty compelled me to say so.
I don't now say that business is my
choice but I do say God keeping me
I will faithfully discharge whatever
duties may devolve upon me. When
I have so much needed friends, where
have they been? The world seems only
to smile and mock at my misery. You
may say that I am become so mad, but
when you should be separated from wife
and children for hundreds of miles, and
your attempts for honest employment should
prove unavailing and hope should be
pending before the drawn knife of despair
then you'd be competent to judge.
With me the glory of the morning is over, the
shades of evening have disappeared and the
gloom of night overhangs. The darkest hour is said
to precede dawn. God grant that it may be so
with one passing through "deep waters". Love to all.
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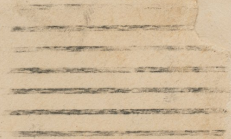
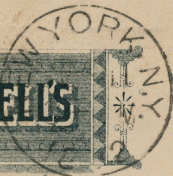
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