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Dear Elias:

Yours duly recd, & I note particularly what you say about getting on better with those at home, I quite understand what you have to contend with & also know what the others believe they have to contend with, but it is the same, old story, I have learned it myself, been through with it all, & can therefore point you a way out of it, unless a man exercises the greatest watchfulness over himself he will at times become moody & disagreeable, & say & do & act as he would not under ordinary circumstances.

You do it, they all do it at home,  
& up to two years ago I was  
prone it, nobody more sensitive,  
or easier to give offence on that  
very account, I have struggled  
against it, & though more occa-  
sions have offered themselves in  
that time than ever before, I can  
truthfully say that I have not  
given away to them once, & hap-  
piness! I never before knew  
what it was, ~~before~~. This is  
not the doctrine of passive re-  
sistance as it would at first  
sight appear, on the contrary  
it is active resistance, because  
by pursuing such a course  
you can make people like  
you whether they will or not.  
If you can hold an even  
temper while others rage or

low one, & I  
am afraid the  
savage is dead.  
How is father  
Washington, & is his  
sailing heard  
with the cruise-  
tion that his  
years & condition  
demand? I am  
certainly hurt so,  
as he is <sup>in</sup> no con-  
dition now to  
bear any strains.  
Daddy  
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Bulmer.

Just, stop & think a moment  
what will result to you, a  
reward of perfect contentment  
as a matter of course, for does  
not a man reap what he  
sows? Could there be a great-  
er truth than this? Try this  
for your own peace of mind,  
& you will admit tis worth  
following, It makes no differ-  
ence what the conditions of  
life are, sensible people who  
can not <sup>bear</sup> rebukes, either actual  
or implied, are bound to be un-  
happy, Riches make no difference,  
The most miserable people I know

are the rich - the happiest I know  
are the poor. Try this for your own  
good, you will appreciate I trust  
that nothing in the world but my  
interest in you induces me to  
write as I do. One can put it  
in a nut shell - treat every one  
with consideration, this you will  
do if you remain master of your-  
self & restrain your mood, the  
first result of this will be  
happiness on your part, & the  
second, that others will be forced  
to treat you likewise, But you  
need not refer to any of these  
things. Let by gones be by gones.  
But write immediately what rain  
you have had. Am distressed to  
see the sea so heavy & the  
wind so violent in Eastern N.C.  
The barometer at Raleigh this  
Am is 29.3 - an exceedingly