

Three Rivers Mass March 20th 1840

Friend A. W. G. Esq. Dear Sir I should like
very well to hear from You & I have been trying
this 4 weeks to come home. But our Books are so
Behind hand, that I cannot come yet, & when I do
not know. Probably not in 3 or 4 weeks. I shall now
Excuse Your neglect of Writing to me on account
of Your Expecting me home. The times are so
dull here that there is nothing hardly going on
The Agent feels much discourage on account of
the Country being in such a dull State. The
Manufacture People think that all business must
stop unless we are protected By a tariff and a Good
one I think that If the rest of the duties comes
off that our M.S. will be ruined And it must
take place if the people do not take it in hand
Under the present Administration our Country
must run down We ought to have a Protecting
Tariff one that will Excommunicate all Importations
on Articles that we Can Manufacture ourselves
And unless something is done Soon thousands
& thousands will be out of employ Congress says
we will Give the Manufacturers Cheap Labour:
You reduce the price of Labour and You reduce
Everything on Earth Because it is the honest and most
over

Miss Mary's last few days papers

upright way of getting a living I do hope that
 something might be done that the people might
 be relieved They cry Down with the Banks Down
 with them. I say we must have them & cannot
 do anything without them we have not but
 about 65 Millions of specie which is not one
 100th part enough to do our Business with
 You will please write me by return of Mail
 how things go on there Write about Everything
 Go the rounds with them all Tell the
 Girls that this Child will see them if
 alive soon Where is E. Blundell & Keenish
 E. P. G. She has not written much. I write
 open now nothing this 4 weeks I began to think
 that you had run away how you get to York
 State Got his Seal Sold his Starch when
 is he going to Market I get along with the
 Girls well but last to Throandike to a
 Quitting home at 2 o'clock feel very dull
 the Agt has gone to Boston & the Son is
 gone to Newfor and I am now alone in the
 Counting room have not done anything in the store
 this 4 months been keeping Books Shall I
 I stay another Year Do recommend me to
 Every one Write as soon as you get this perhaps
 I may come here as soon as I get your letter
 A. S. Lewis Esq P M
 Respectfully Yours
 J. P. G.