

Three Rivers Mass March 20th 1840

Friend A. W. S. 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 discouraged. on account of
the Country's 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 W. 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 Manufacturer Cheap Labour;
You reduce the price of Labour and You reduce
Everything on Earth Because it is the honest and most
over

