

Groton, August 13th, 1841

Dear Brother,

Yours of the 7th inst came to hand last night and was gladly received. At first, I thought it impossible for me to go to Farmington at present but upon consideration & prayer, I think my wife's health will admit if I start immediately. I have therefore concluded to start next week so as to get there by Saturday. I should not go till I got an answer from you were I not so situated that I must go immediately if at all at present. If however you will write to Farmington immediately & let the friends there know of my coming they may make arrangements which will be of service to me. I would like to rent two or three small rooms. Somewhere in the vicinity of the school would be preferable. I can see to those things however after I get there.

As to compensation, I wish no more that will enable me to live comfortably & pay what I owe. I cannot tell how much that will be as I do not know the price of provisions etc. at Farmington. At any rate it will not be more than \$25 per month & perhaps not more than \$20. We shall not differ about compensation. When my debts are paid I shall want nothing more than to board & clothe myself & family & that in the plainest manner. Money is but trash unconnected with the glory of God & the salvation of immortal souls.

Yours in the Gospel

Wm Raymond

Please write me soon at F____. I should probably be there by the 21st of the present month. I should like to receive a letter on my arrival.