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Hon^{ble} Wm^o J. Hoar
Dr Sir

I have reason to believe that my son has given you a Hint of his present circumstances but as I may not have been particular enough, and as his Medical Advisers have strictly prohibited him from receiving or transmitting any correspondence for the present, I have thought it advisable to give you a little more information as to his present Position and prospects.

While on his last Tour through the Counties of Cumberland and Lancashire, he appears to have got on with his usual success till he came to Huddersfield, where he had solicited and obtained Promises ^{of good} from Clergymen and others of ~~high~~ rank in the shape of lectures, and of course he discharged all ^{of} them, but strange to say, one after another, ^{they} ^{all} left him appalled for want of fulfilment of their promises until he was left entirely alone - and that too without affording him time to prepare himself suitably to do the whole labor himself - he set to it however in his usual energetic manner, and by hard working himself night and day managed to get creditably through with the week's duty. But he had so overworked his Physical & Mental Powers that on Saturday & Sunday he was quite unwell - his Beliefs system became visibly changed, and being an entire stranger to the symptoms of approaching Disease - never having been sick in his life - he neglected taking medicine which - if timely administered would in all

Probably have restored him in a day or two
to his usual health - From ^{Friday} ~~Monday~~ ^{Monday} he escaped Mount Zion in one of the
hottest days we have had this season, and
came to Trass, West River, intending, ill as he
was, to hold a meeting and lecture as he had
advertised at Salt Springs, he remained there,
the disease still making progress, preparing for his
lecture, which, when the hour came, he was unable
to go out and deliver - all this time, altho he
wrote nothing, every opportunity he kept us in
entire ignorance of his state, not writing to
Alary, his wife, on Thursday ^{also a very late day} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{the}
time dawned quite in a ~~few~~ ^{few} ~~and in an~~ ^{and in an}
~~very late day~~ ^{very late day} - Medical attendance was at
once procured, but he continued very ill & weak
till about the 30th ult when, for a day or two he
seemed to get a little better, ^{and} ~~when~~ ^{and} ~~contrary to~~
the prognostics of his friends and medical ad-
visors, he began to read, write, and conduct his
correspondence - This, as might be expected soon
produced a Relapse, and ^{again} ~~he~~ ^{he} ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~bad~~ ^{bad} ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~at~~ ^{at}
Ever, some thing worse than when first attacked
a Principal Aggravation ^{of his case} has been and still is
his prostration ⁱⁿ ~~about~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~interruption~~ ^{interruption} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~his~~ ^{his} ~~Rabbi~~ ^{Rabbi}
duties and the Drs (Anderson & Cannell) well aware
of his ardent Temperament and the danger of
indulging it at present have wisely interdicted
him from all thought or care about this matter
for the present and they tell me there is chance