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My very Dear Son Nathaniel June 3 1809

yours of the 20 ult received yesterday

and am thankful that you & your families are in usual health we were all thinking long to hear from you all Mr Grier is nearly well again went to pine creek last week & returned on wed day last not injured by his journey your Sister is gaining strength as fast as can be expected is able to pay some attention to her affairs the babes thrive very well and are as yet very good their mother has not suck enough for one but they feed so remarkably well out of sucking bottles that they seem to be at no loss if they are hungry they prefer the bottle and are not satisfied with the breast the rest of the family are all in health John is a very fine child little game is his nurse he will go to bed with the little girls and sleep he gives the least trouble can be expected nurses about and diverts him self with any thing that he can find some times falls and hurts himself as Robert does ~~remember your father~~
I remember your father once had the packet directed to him for several of the Neighbours I think Mr Jas Proffers Smith Peoples Mcintire and Evely whether any more I cannot tell or whether early in Mcintire going for them I think that it per haps came that way one year but am not certain of the time your father told me after some of them had the direction change ^{to Mr Mcintire} that he had paid his own and left them to settle for them selves I dont think you should have any thing to do with it further than to let them know that such an ^{one} application has been made to you on their accounts I know that if your father had lived it he would have paid it and if Mr Cochran is not paid they should pay him I dont know how it has come to lie so long without hearing of it if it is unpaid

your father once mentioned to me and I cannot be certain
of the time that he had taken in hand to pray for the printing
Some copies of the signs of the times but expected they
would pay for them selves if sold. said he had left some
in town to be disposed of but which of the stores they
were left in or whether with Mr Colburn, I cannot
~~remember~~ remember as I had wholly forgotten about it
untill you wrote I think he did not bring above 6
Copies of them home most of them he sent to friends
I left out of my drawers one copy in my room for you
when I came away I expected Mr Grier had one sent
him by inquiry you can find where they were left and if your
Father had settled with them to People that are of
hale behind hand with the ^{work} every little is a draw back
and gives some uneasiness but I hope you will be enabled
to get along if it shall so please God by patience and industry
and earnestly looking to God for his blessing on your lawfull
endeavors that you may ~~not~~ not by any thing become
A reproach to ~~your~~ religion the family all join in
love to every branch of your family & amny I ever children
your affectionate Mother Elizabeth Coper
tell the Dear children Grandma loves them and
hopes they will be good children

p. 1. No Information yet respecting M^r. Nicholson. You can
occasionally see M^r. Blythe. and it will be proper to mention to
him that Eliza & all here in health. Thies much Blythe will no
doubt communicate to him. but he will not ~~quaint~~ give you
any satisfactory Information respecting M^r. H. But whatever you
may hear from him please to communicate. as we have no expectation
of receiving any letters from him.

June 21st 1783. Mrs. went to late to the p. Office. I have spent it supping & I had for getting something of her

fortune - to care all in health. Nothing is vocal or might be expected in her circumstances - In 1782

See Mother,

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of Family Affairs &c. little remains to be said respecting my

own particular Business - The same dull round of Teaching

fills up the greater part of the Week - an Excursion to the Wells of

Sharnham affords a variety & a little Exercise every fourth week -

We have Six Boarders & Twelve Scholars - a few more are expected

in a short time - little has been yet done in farming - the hire is

half part of land rented being in fall Grain - part of the

College Lot is ploughed & sown in Corn - The Horses only

want a little Exercise to render them tractable. My Harrow I ex-

pect to be prepared for ploughing - and as soon afterwards as possible

to have a Waggon to haul my own Wood - Inclosed is an order

on my brother Thos^r for Thirty Dollars. which he may pay either

to yourself or Michael - as Mother mentions your intention to give it

to him - It may give you less trouble to put his name in the Order with
yours - Love to Uncle, Aunt & Sister Cooper.
Yours sincerely Isaac Cooper

Mr. John Cooper

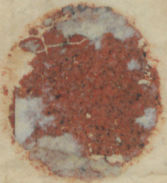
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Mr. John Cooper

Cumberland County

Care of the Post Master Philadelphia



Northumberland June 3 1809

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[text below is written in a different hand]

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[Dear] Brother

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Yours sincerely Isaac Grier

[written on the side of the page]

June 9th P.S. This went too late to the P. Office. I have opened it supposing th. I had forgotten something of importance. We are all in Health - Betsy is weak as might be expected in her circumstances. I. G.

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Mr. John Cooper
Cumberland County
Care of the postmaster Shippensburg