Please do not delay as long as I have or as long as you did before
as I am inpatient to hear from you & shall look for a letter very soon
give my respects to Hannah & Ellen & Hattie & tell them I should
like to see them very much. I have taken Hattie's picture out of that frame
& put it away as she wanted me to in a draw with the rest of my pictures
as I have none of them in that large frame but only a few in some small ones
please explain this to her &
write very very soon as I wish to hear from you much
I suppose that by this time you have comforted yourself with the assurance that you were to be troubled no more with my letters but I must punish you a while longer. I received your letter in due time & was very glad to hear from you as I had made up my mind that you was tired of corresponding with me. But I am glad you are not. I suppose you think me very presumptuous in asking you some questions which do not concern me. I do not wonder if you do for without knowing my reason a variety of reasons might be assigned for my being so familiar with a young lady about whom I know so little.
But I will state my reason. I know that some girls in whom I have placed some confidence have talked with me for the purpose of ridiculing what I said. I appreciate their motive but had rather not be used that way. Now if you were courted by another fellow it would be natural for him to want to see what letters you receive from other fellows and might take them as a source of amusement & as I said before I do not wish to be used that way if I can help it. I would not have you think that I think you would do so mean a thing for I do not think you would & I know that if you are the girl that I think you are you would look on all such trick as I do. But nothing is ever lost by a due degree of caution & I hope you now will understand & appreciate my motive.
I do not know what put such an idea into your head as that your letters were not interesting to me. I think you must be getting a little wild for nothing affords me more pleasure than to receive a letter from you & you do not know how impatient I was at your long delay but you must never use me so again if you can help it. I have been up country for a few weeks back, and that was the reason why you have not heard from me before as I was 4 miles from any post office & had no chance to send a letter if I had written one. But what I do not write I will make up in talking as I shall expect you back soon as the mill are going to start up the first Monday in Oct. Ellen Dinsmore says that you are practising on a young gent the art of pulling hair so as to be ready to
pull mine when you come back.
I do not think you or Ellen either
will have to practise much as you
understood it pretty well when you
were here but I am glad you find
some one to amuse yourself with
as I find it very hard work to enjoy
myself alone. You said I must not
forsake my friends for my acquaintance
this I shall never do you may be sure
of that. You said that you knew the
reason why Bell abused me do you I
should like very much to know what
it is if you will be so kind as to
tell me. Please do But I think you
must be very tired of reading this poor
letter so I will bring it to a close
Sarah Bennett is here now & sends her
respects to you and the rest of her
friends in Sutton so does Bell
Diana's school has 5 weeks longer
to keep she is getting tired of being a
school marm. But I must now bid
you good bye

From Your True Friend

write very soon George I Fox Lowell Mass