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Letter to Brother Lane from Benjamin Ruggles in New Braintree

Brother Lane
 New Braintree: November: 22: 1757.
 Sir After me Respects to your self & sister be
 These are to signify to you that we are all in usual Health; &
 I heard lately by Deacon Page that you were lame &c
 which I am sorry to hear; All the Afflictions which we meet
 with here; ought to serve to Animate us to Be preparing for a
 Better world; which when we arrive here, we shall be just the
 Reach of a Journey; & I come down to Billerica & beyond this fall;
 we desire you to Inform Sister Whiting of Billerica of our
 Wellfare; & that we are sorry for her Afflictions; & may
 shall they may all Be sanctify'd to her use & we shall be
 Rev'd Mr Rogers of Littleton; heard that she was in
 Better Health; which we are glad to hear.
 I am on the morrow going over to Brookfield Ordination
 & if I can Light of any Books or Papers I will
 send them to you; & I pray
 you to enter it upon my Bill I gave you; & I pray
 so much money sent up to me from Middleborough as I
 expected this fall & therefore did not send more: & when I
 come or send down to you; I will pay you the interest of
 what I owe on Bill; & also what I owe you on Woodstock Land
 account &c I pray you to Let us Hear from you the
 first opportunity, to Let us know how you do; & whether
 you Received the money I sent. From your Affectionate Brother
 Benjamin Ruggles

New Braintree: November: 22: 1757

Brother Lane

Sir After due respects to your self & sister [?re]

These are to signify to you that we are all in usual health; I heard lately by Deacon Page that you were lame[?re] which I am sorry to hear; All the affliction which we meet with here; ought to serve to animate us to be preparing for a better world; which when we arrive there, we shall be past the reach of all (*hole*)

My wife could not come down to Billerica & Bedford this fall; we desire you to inform Sister Whiting of Billerica of our welfare; & that we are sorry for her affliction & pray that they may all be sanctified to her [?] We lately by the Rev's Mr Rogers of Littleton heard that she was in better health; which we are glad to hear

I am on the morrow going over to Brookfield ordinations & if I can light of any Bedford people (*Document is torn in half here and several lines are obscured*)

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you to enter it upon my bill I gave you; I had not so much mony sent up to me from Middleborough as I expected this fall & therefore did not send more: & when I come or send down to you; I will pay you the enterest of what I owed on the bill; & also what I owe you on Woodstock Land account [?re] I pray you to let us hear from you the first opportunity, to let me know how you do; & whether you received the money I sent:

From your Affectionate Brother
Benjamin Ruggles