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To James Thomas Fields

A.L.S. 2p. 4to.

Lyon November 14th: 1849.

Dear Mr. Field -

I told you yesterday that Mr. Shackford would entertain Mr. Whipple while here - He had expressed a wish to do so before knowing that we had solicited the honor; but last evening we heard that he was about to leave town to spend Thanksgiving in N. H.

Mr. Whipple will probably be entertained by Mr. A. Rhodes who lives directly opposite the Lyceum, and has a very pleasant town - At all events, some gentlemen of the Committee will meet him at the depot - the second depot - if he will come in the 1/2 4 train from Boston. You will see Mr. H. of course - will you not?

I think I owe you some explanation of the sad scene of yesterday morning.

You will recollect young Mr. Phillips as a very noble looking person - He left home for California last March, since which time his friends have only heard once from him - in April, I believe. They had become intensely anxious about him, but some weeks since heard good news of the ship on which he was supposed to be. The last steamer brought

no letters for Mr. Phillips, but two for other families in town, containing intelligence of poor Ben's death, which occurred in June last.

Anna and I had gone up to Boston by the early train - a neighbor went up for us - met us on the street very near your store, and communicated the intelligence rather abruptly to me, and in such a way that it was immediately divined by poor Anna. As we were near your store Anna wished to go in and sit down as she was near fainting. You know the rest. - Anna does not remember much that passed then, but says that she has a distinct recollection of your face bending over her, looking beautiful in its fraternal sympathy - and she begs me to send her love and to thank you and Mr. Pills for your kindness - And dear Mr. Sisknow was very kind thank him also - God bless you all - I hope to be up again soon - let us know when the book is out.

Affectionately Yours
J. G. Grace

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