

West Tawlatin Plains May 21<sup>st</sup> 1851

My Dear Friend Marshall

You know that I bought a shawl from you and agreed  
to pay you four pounds of butter but I think I  
will not take it because I do not want it for I would rather  
have a hat or a pair of shoes or something else. I do not  
wish to trouble you about it but then I do not want it  
and so I hope you will take it back if I have done any  
injury to it I am willing to pay you for it. I do not know  
whether you can get a chance to sell it or not you may have  
a chance to sell it some time if you hang it up in the store  
some fellow may want it I do not think you can sell it at all  
not unless you sell it cheap there is one reason why I do not  
want it is because Elias Harper says I look like a Calaborn's  
gambler. you must excuse me for not writing better for I have  
only known how to write a little more than a year but I  
think you can read it and correct the mistakes.

No more at present from your new  
friend if so you are a mind to call me so

Cyrus Hamlin Walker

To Marshal Taylor

Providence, R.I.

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