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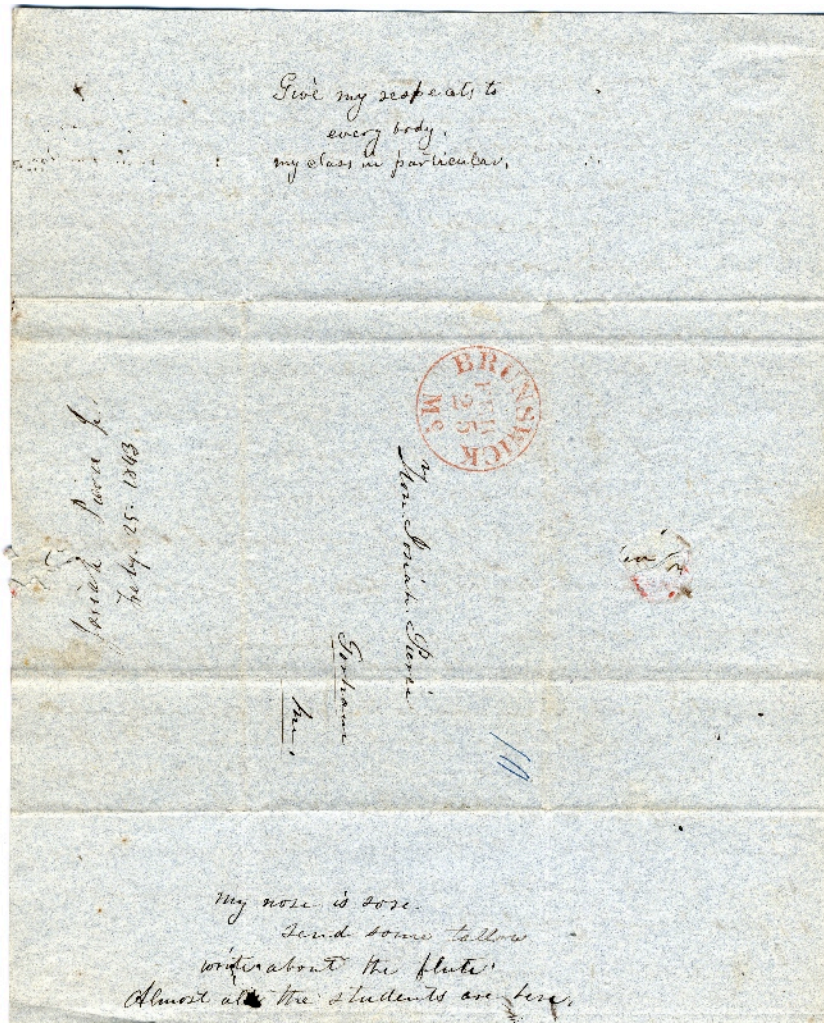
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 of all Puss laying under the cook-stove asleep -
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 time. I put some of that cotton with pepper-mint in my mouth
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 I do miss the apples ^{very much} as you told me I should. They
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 As my pumkin-shell is exhausted of its inwards I
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 P.S. write soon and when you do ^{I remain as ever}
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Give my respects to
every body
my class in particular.

[Postmark] BRUNSWICK FEB 25 ME.

[sideways] Hon. Josiah Pierce
Gorham
Me.

My nose is sore
Send some tallow
write about the flute.
Almost all the students are here.