Dear Bradburn,

After having teased you to the extend I did a while since, while proposing to visit Europe it would serve that some apology is received on my part, not as an equivalent for your many letters of introduction. That were impossible, but simply that I may stimulating.

May 4th— You will perceive by the incoherency of the above sentence that at the time of writing it I was exceedingly obtuse. The truth was, friend Spooner gave me his letter late in the evening and in attempting to pen a paragraph I feel asleep and the above sentence was the result of the effort.

My trip to the Fatherland is delayed—not give up entirely. A good many causes have arisen to interrupt my “flight” from Athol. All is not[?] gold that glistens, and though ____ is a central point and many reasons may be accrued[?] in favour of an exchange of locality[?] yet on the whole I am resolved to remain in Athol. I am now “Letting up” my premises[?] in form for a Water Cure & though I may not be able to accommodate so great a number I can nonetheless do something. In the meantime my out of door practice is on the increase and I trust I may be able to win an “honest” livery—beside educating the babes.

We should be (shall be) very happy to see you when your convenience should bring you to New England again. You will find us when yours left us—only some additional conveniences[?] on bring[?] contested[?] about us such as Roil Rowdy…

[Margin: I have written in such great rush that I scarce can ____ it—Nevertheless in this particular I shall not ____ for the palm with yourself for yours admits of ____]

[letter seems to end…]