

tion of our department has, as you have doubtless observed, passed both houses, accordingly I consider Philadelphia my station and my furlough will expire in August. In the meantime where shall I go and what shall I do? Cape Ann is cool and quiet and perhaps I shall think best to remain there. The proposition in Mr. D.'s note respects becoming an agent of the New York City Temperance Society. It has not yet been made, probably it may be difficult to see that it would be duty to relinquish the situation of an army surgeon at Philadelphia for so laborious and thankless a task as the contemplated agency. Of course you will not mention such a remark as this to Mr. Delevan, but say that I am under many obligations for the friendly interest he expresses. I will write this afternoon or before long to Mr. Brigham, but unless I can effect something of importance here it is not probable I shall go south at present. My wife and boy are in Cape Ann, thirty miles distant, and well when I left them a few hours since.

Camphor has risen here to \$4.00 the pound; lime is in great demand. The poor Irish are undergoing purgation and banishment. Yesterday 41 families were turned out of one house. Cities and communities like the ocean require to be tempest into purity and it cannot be doubted that the scourge which all are now dreading is sent for good and will do good, that is, to the whole. Write me often and direct at present to Gloucester, Cape Ann.

Affectionately, your brother,

EDWIN JAMES.

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