

Worcester, Oct. 18th 1847

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Letter from Andrew H. Green to John P. Green,
October 6th 1840
[John P. Green Mss. - A.L.S.]

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I have seen little of the world. but enough to teach me not to place too much dependance in the things thereof - Have your eye, your dependance placed on some higher Being, than any thing on earth. You will then, let misfortune, let trials, let whatever will come, have a ~~to~~ never failing source of comfort & happiness. You are now or will be soon, ~~starting off from~~ entering business on your own account. I hope you will commence on some decided principles & stick to them. You will pardon the liberty I take in writing thus. The ~~be~~

The learned Blacksmith will visit me next Thursday evening. I have from him learned the of the ~~dam-~~ ascens that was here a few days before you left. We are harvesting as fast as possible. Corn on flat & all Buckwheat cut - Apples in Back of Barn & Ten are bot all gathered - winter Peas all in. I hear nothing about the Agricultural Anticultural Fair - ~~He~~ received a letter from Mary last Monday. The contents ~~was~~ quite unsatisfactory to me. She did not write at all upon what I particularly charged her - Prospects for business as for her account very poor. all prospects here have vanished. Still I ain't much troubled. I enter my twentieth year to day. Advancing fast. Life runs away rapidly. I wish you would look about if you go to Book auctions, & buy me, almost any old books in foreign languages that go for almost nothing.

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things move on as usual. Who did you see in
New York? Let me know. I enclosed letters from
Dr. Butler (Introductory) to Dr. Prescott Esq. Merchant
George Mc Lellan M.D., Prof. Jacob Green, also a
pamphlet to Thomas St. Coker. Did you deliver your
other introductory letters, & what effect had they?
Let me know. Julia will return in about a
week; for both Boston we have not yet heard
of Dr. Butler's re-election. I shall write Mr. Dr.
Pomeroy by this same opportunity. Father will write
you probably. Don't delay a day without you
have an immediate prospect of an private convey-
ance in visiting us. Have you yet ascertained

to the fulness of your certificate?
Write for return of Mr. Eaton & before if he ^{is} ~~is~~ ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ^{the}
don't fail to write to him. With much love
I am your brother
A. A. Murray

In whose care shall we direct
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With much love

I am your brother

A. H. Green

[P.S.] To whose [Ms. illegible] shall we direct letters?

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