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## **Letter, Felix Dominy, Fire Island, to his son, Nathaniel VII, 1847.**

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Fire Island Aug 8<sup>th</sup> 1847

Dear Son

We have received two letters from you for which we are indebted, it used to be the other way and I am glad you have more method in your business and am in hopes you will get along and make a comfortable living. in your last you do not mention Pybil or the baby. but Jenksa wrote us some time ago that they were well. keep steady and think to your business and you will always have enough — De Lany over set in my white skiff along shore a few days ago and John Seaman over set or filled John Johnsons new boat going into the cove and a number of boats have been driven on shore in the late squalls Nat Brown has built us a temple a little S.E. of the black smith shop we do not have many improvements going on. Dexter is going to put a jib on the May he has sent off for the cloth to day by John Hicks who has gone to Bab to carry Mr Newbold & family — Isaac Rose has bought Aleck Jones boat & got a new sail on her and John Hicks has got Chichesters skiff for 30<sup>¢</sup> and the boys talk large about sailing races they are all afraid Dexter & Sam back the May John his skiff Isaac his and George the white skiff & Mr Blood joins George but they want a new sail on her & then they say she will beat the party — Blue fish plenty oysters good & Whortteberries in abundance & monstrous large

We had a heavy rain yesterday and the glades have fill'd  
up and the snipe are quite plenty - to day it is foggy and  
warm. Yesterday was cool. we have very sudden changes  
and hard blows - Mr Wilmerding's & Mr Lawrence's folks  
were here a few days ago - also the Jones' from Oyster bay  
South. do write us often and tell Aunt Helen and  
Aunt Nancy to write, and Grandma owes me one  
letter. We do not have news enough to fill a letter  
from here but you can write any thing from E.H. &  
it is interesting to us. I have not heard from Uncle  
Wats lately although I wrote Sewit sometime ago  
Dexter carried away the mast in the May &  
I am going to put in a new one I put that in new  
this spring but it was not large enough and had  
been cracking for a long time. Mr Wood has a nice  
boat & tinkers a good deal of his time with her  
he is a very pleasant boarder - our baby grows finely  
give my love to all our friends

Your affectionate father

F. Downing

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