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To Francis Henry Underwood

December 2, 1853

Concord Dec. 2nd 1853

Dear Sir,

I send you herewith a complete article of fifty-seven pages.¹ Putnam's Magazine pays me four dollars a page—but I will not expect to receive more for this than you pay to any one else. Of course, you will not make any alterations or omissions without consulting me.

Yrs

Henry D. Thoreau

Correspondent: See p. 179.

¹ The manuscript that T sent does not survive, so the subject of the project is not known. However, it was probably drawn either from the account of the Maine woods trip or from a portion of a draft of *Walden*, the two major projects that engaged T at this time.

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From Francis Henry Underwood

December 5, 1853

Boston Dec. 5. 1853

Dear Sir,

I am extremely sorry to inform you that Mr. Jewett has decided not to commence the Magazine as he proposed.¹ His decision was made too late to think of commencing this year with another publisher. His ill health and already numerous cares are the reasons he gives.² The enterprise is therefore postponed—but not indefinitely it is

to be hoped.³ Should the fates be favorable I will give you the earliest information

Very sincerely yours
F. H. Underwood

M^r H. D. Thoreau

Correspondent: See p. 179.

¹ John Punchard Jewett (1814-1884), son of Rev. Paul Jewett and Eleanor Punchard Jewett, married Harriette Cobb (1815-1860), daughter of Hershon and Sarah Boyd Cobb, in 1837. His second wife, whom he married in 1861, was Helen Marie Crane (1829-1915), daughter of Elisha and Nancy Crane. Jewett expanded his book business to include publishing in 1847. See p.179, correspondent note and note 1, for information about the monthly "Literary and Anti Slavery magazine" that Jewett and Underwood had planned to start.

² In 1852, Jewett published Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin*; his "numerous cares" no doubt included his attempts to capitalize on the extraordinary popularity of Stowe's novel. After that success his business gradually failed until he gave up publishing and opened a watch factory in Roxbury. Jewett later unsuccessfully tried other ventures, including patent medicine.

³ The magazine never started. In 1857 Underwood helped found the *Atlantic Monthly*.

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To Spencer Fullerton Baird

December 19, 1853

Concord Dec. 19th 1853

Spencer F. Baird,
Dear Sir,

I wish hereby to convey my thanks to the one who so kindly proposed me as a member of the Association for the Advancement of Science, and also to express my interest in the Association itself. Nevertheless, for the same