

Providence July 22. 1849

My dear H

Your long & much valued
& affectionate letter has now come in
& I can only repeat my thanks & grati-
-tudes against you for your
flattering opinion of me & for
too turning a corner of your self-compassion.
I assure you you never loved me,
I am too sensible & thoughtful & you
too sensible not to have seen that
I felt loved had I been so. I am often
grateful & do not understand when asked
an affectionate letter: however
we will discuss these matters
in the mean time believe (as you do)
that I perfectly heartily & gratefully
accept, on all accounts, your invitation
to visit you & that I expect.

Two days after I received, 46 letters
came from the Post for me, but not
a word from Rebecca. such hearts

and basis of matter for us
to discuss public journals &
indifferently. First let us take
you that I feared why you did
not send in the last afternoon,
it was most kind of you to return
it; though for knowing that the
"Letter" had been noticed in the Lib.
Gazette & favorably, I felt sure this
return was due for the Lib. & that
that carried you to return it.

Frances Howland writes me about
it, wants me mercifully, & says that
the Review cuts me with ruthlessness,
she does not give particulars &
~~threw~~ concludes that I do not care
2. about the matter. Indeed my
dear H., with the confidence &
friendship of so many persons has seen
it. Indeed, what should I care for
the publication of this instance of

my coming short of the mark;
what it cannot (as I conceive for
I know no particulars) reflect on
my honor, or ought to be my
incapacity to do what I never
intended to do, - write a book on
Egypt. This for a fight between
annulment.

Edward Taylor appears "a complete
Gentleman" but his I shall explain
my being obliged to meet him at
Dowling's? at dinner. The invitation
came to old Muller, for him, & the
party made up before my arrival.
I made a flimsy attempt to go with
myself, but before ^{Dowling himself} Taylor & Muller,
who had accepted, it was shadowy,
ineffectual, & I shut up to I had
did so, feeling very much ashamed
of myself for breaking through my
promise never to dine out &
above all with that gentleman.

Mr Francis's visit - has earned
great talk in D. They cannot get
a word of particulars about it from
me, nor would if it tried 100 yrs.: it
was strange! - working feet! & I

can't tell what else - however I
never heard of St. Leger's gallantry
till afterwards. I hope I was polite
enough to avoid being thought jealous
Mr. D.S. knew of it before the lady
left the villa - pshaw!

I am wondering as how we have
at my plants & do hope to get more
in a week & down to you, much
anxious I am to answer the 4th
letter! - I read Humboldt's, I have
no time to read it - & doubt my
complete ability - To Palermo is
off to Montreal in a m. No. 10
put in his place - God knows what
& what to do with my plants &
how well - how they must go.

My poor young sister has been
very ill, with inflammation in
the lungs or more the acute complaint
she is much alarmed & the doctor,
as usual, all out. & a tough head -
other news is good & my father pleased
with my Report of my own Progress,
what will he not be with yours? -

Falmer too has been writing to him
I believe the my letter R. has written
"say one is ~~in~~ - deinde
What are we to get Humboldt's?
Thank heaven we have time to
think - -

Write bring "air central" down
with me -

I have written to Thurston for Lyell's
Principles to be sent up straight.
Had Fall. sent the books as I ordered
so months ago I could have sent my
copy of air central to Thurston who
sincerely laments not having it
I thought I had sent it him from

England long ago - we cannot
share ours & was Feb. - Calcutta
I would ask him to send some
on to America - but I know
nothing of this Mr. de No.

My uncle Francis's note will
acquaint you with his terms
for private pupils.

I am somewhat in business
to excuse my not going on with
present.

Be ever affectionately

John Noble

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