

Phil^a Feb 10 ~~th~~

My Dearest Minnie

Your affectionate
expressions of anxiety about
me in our affliction demanded
my earliest acknowledgments.
I know how deeply you par-
ticipate in this severe and
most distressing visitation -
perhaps even at such a dis-
tance you were as well
prepared for it as I was
while daily witnessing the
condition of my beloved brother,
as I found those around me
had a much true sense
of impending danger -
The patient, quiet endurance

of the Dear medical
perhaps deceived me - or
my Dear desire to know
myself kept me from a clearer
view of approaching danger -
yet ~~for~~ ten days of too
evident decline might have
been sufficient -

Do not be uneasy about
me, My Dear Minnie. I am
well - you may imagine what
me the sorrows of my heart.
How my bereavements cling
to me - yet do not think
me negligent for the
hospitals left my dear sister
& Dear Brother Jo, we equal
sufferers with myself and it
rejoices us to support each

other - we must minister
to the weakest - and I feel
that I am thoughtful of the
three - I could hardly bear
the brothers' scoffing on him,
if I were to give him addi-
tional care. His heart is very
very heavy! I go to your Aunt
Nays every afternoon - Dear
Marcell has been with me,
nearly to-day. He is going to
N.Y. this eveg to see your Father.
and Becky I expect to be ab-
sent a week. Now we shall miss
him! - No dear son could have been
^{more} true & more devoted than he to
his mother! Julia Hoffman is
better. She has been suffering with
rheumatism - she sends her love to
you. to me she is ever full of kind
recs. Sally Wags too is with us

daily - and Philippa as attentive
as can be - her children are
all well - I Edward something
better. he improves in appearance
Give my kindest remembrance
to Mrs Minis & the girls & thank
them for their affectionate sympathy
we have all suffered. but dare
not rebel, - it is from the unerring
judgments of the Just God -
Give my love to your Husband
& children - Sister Mary is well
she Nurse & your Uncle Jo
send their love - God Bless
you all - I make us submissive
to his Will - believe me
devotedly your affectionate
Orb.

N. B. - Sally Mays. requests you will
tell her sisters - that Willie wishes
the new pattern - wide wrist bands
put to his thighs
Groom
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