

Savannah Dec 14th 1856

Your welcome letter greeted me,
dearest Aunt, this morning as I en-
tered the breakfast room. It seemed
so long a time, since I had been blessed
with a sight of your loved hand writing
that it made my heart beat as I broke
open the seal & I rejoiced to find that
nothing untoward had been the cause
of your silence. Your letter breathed
such living kindness for me & mine
& you say so many pretty things
about him whom "I delight to honor"
that I have read it over & over & cannot
go to rest without telling you how much
it has gratified me to hear from
you that my husband is estimated
as I think he should be "Beth, East
& West" Could you only see him at
home "dearest Aunt" ⁱⁿ his shining scene
where the Widow & the Orphan come

to him in their hour of trouble
to ask his counsel & friendship -
I know you would feel as I do
that it is at home where he is best
known that he is truly appreciated.

Our Sister is well in health & has
borne her long season of trial won-
derfully, she like another Ruth
has her two widowed Daughters in
law with her. Emily Prince is still
quite young, but has known much
sorrow, the death of her own Father
who was a most tender Parent to her
& cherished her after the loss of her
husband & child, was a very sad
blow to her, & she looks very thin &
delicate. The family feel very anxious
about Edward Etting. I hope he may
not be as ill as they seem to apprehend.
What do you think of his situation?

is barely too inclement to prevent
their going to walk & ride, or even
play in the Squares. I was sorry
to hear that Uncle Hyman as
well as Uncle Sam, was suffering -
offer them my love & sympathy I wish
it were in my power to point to the
balm that would give a cure to
both. I saw Uncle S. so vividly in
my dream last night & was so
happy in welcoming him to our
home, that I felt quite disappointed
on awaking to find that it was
"all a dream". My husband unites
with me in love to you, Uncles
Wm. & Hays. Horace & all our
dear ones. I love to think of Horace
as he now is so cheerful & young
Quite soon to your own William & Helen