

secretly and with energy. To overthrow
the government - and God only knows
the result - our late reverses, may
arouse a better spirit among us -
and if the hateful Abolitionists
be put down - one half of our dif-
ficulties would be conquered, notwith-
standing the hostility of foreign opinion.
I feel very sorry for your neighbors
of the Hunt family - their peaceful
homes made desolate, by an unworthy
member of their own house. What
you say of Mrs. Vosters concerns me
too. The story of King Lear & his
daughters, is enacted over & over
again in every generation - like one
hardly looks upon it as a fable. I
think it a pity Mrs V broke up her
establishment, until she knew more
of the new connection formed by
her beautiful niece - in whom I have
little faith. yet she may be powerless
now to do better - Has Mrs Hanna
recovered her health? is Sally Prother
married - I suppose Mass. will

never return to America, her children
can hardly feel like Americans -
indeed we are so changed, that
we can scarcely realize what a fol-
low race we represent to the world
at present -

Sarah Joseph & all her family see
at Long Branch, we do not expect them
here for some weeks - her own health
severely changed, and as her husband
is with her, they chose that location as
most comfortable -

our relations in Baltimore are again
in affliction, Bernard Etting died on
Wednesday after a long illness, which
did not assume an alarming aspect
until a short time before his death, he
was the only brother of Saml, and so
much beloved by three single sisters
that he leaves them in great affliction.

Tell Anne, Charles Etting, could
not be used of his military taste
by a failure at West Point - it was
a bitter disappointment to him, and
he has gone into the service, as 2nd
Lieutenant in a Volunteer regiment
forming under Chapman Priddle

son of the late Col. Coleman & Priddle
whom his father knew very well -
I am glad you have heard recent-
ly of your son Dr. Shelby, & his wife
will live in Michigan. Becky frequent-
ly mentions Howard, who calls to see
her of an evening. He must be very
lonely, separated from his family.
I am glad to hear Dear Howard
is looking so well, and that Hyman
is safe at home - but regret he has
the mortification of dwelling in a family
he cannot sympathize with in
notions. For every home divider of
that absorbing subject is painful.
Two households in our midst are
so situated which interferes very
much with the free intercourse
that sweetens domestic conversa-
tion. Howard Stimp is pitting on
with less suffering than we apprehended
in the hot weather. His wife is a most
enduring good nurse. They all tend
love to you. Mine dearest Ann, would
every member of your family with a
devoted attachment. P.S. Please send