

Cape Island N.J.
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Your letter my Dear Ann has just been received and fills me with sorrow & anxiety for the condition of Leisenger, and the peril by which you are surrounded. I pray my beloved brother, and all his family may be preserved from the fearful disease that has spread such ravages through out the country. I lament the losses you have met with, in your community - it seems one of the features of this pestilence to cease for a time, and return with absolute violence - in all the western cities this has happened - and I am in fear & trembling lest we should experience the same - The disease has been much less violent in Phila - indeed it is no longer deemed necessary to keep the hospitals open - we have been every day looking for our dear Hyman, in accordance to your last letter, I wrote to Mary that I would take his escort to make her a visit at the Island, and waited until Friday when this same sake brought me down, for the benefit of a few days in the breeze before the season closes - until the last letter I received from you today. I still hoped Hyman would be here - and there is a room ready for

ready for him in the College, where I found the
lady very comfortably accommodated.
And both the girls much improved by the change
of climate. Your account of Jacob Roddy has
distressed me greatly. It was a most unfortunate
note period to remove to St Louis, and the
calamities which overtook her there, had no
doubt affected her health both of mind and
body. - While it be too much to ask of you may
Dear Ann, to write soon again - I shall feel well
enough to rely about you all while seeing
her continues the scene of death & disease -
a single line containing the blessed words
all are well - will be such a comfort to us -
Our Brothers are still absent so at Saratoga
who arrived there the same day that Eliza died.
Mentioned that he & Mr Co + was well, at least
much improved, and was receiving every tes-
timonial of respect personally - but declined
all public manifestations, as he was travelling
for health - I think he will turn with delight
from public receptions now - they have been so
stated unpropitious to him. It is needlessly to
turn ones eyes to such a domestic scene as you
depict at Ashland - that lovely honored spot
where one would think happiness would be
to dwell - and where a loving heart might
make it a sanctuary - from the distresses

Andover Nov. 11.
I was still in Conk's Covey when I left
home - I read your letter to Mary. She sends
her affectionate love to you and her uncle
and thanks you for the letter & the promise
to write to her - I hope your dear Sothy is
keefully recovered and that your darling
may all keep well - I am glad you are so well
disposed in this awful season - I believe such
a frame of mind is a safety valve - My dear
dear Brother, is always so brave in doing
kindness & duties. That God will bless him
I hope for all the good such a special blessing
accord - our dear Grotz Moore has twice
had the Cholera, the last attack alarmed
his friends - but thank God he is well again
and told us so, on the 1st day - I hope that
Woolley is well again - It was a melancholy
Epitaph you wrote of the Judge - but too true.
I have nothing to tell you from this place
the darning wool is new to my cat
and the sea air - breath to my nostrils. I wish
you were all here to enjoy it - sweet Nina in
wonder love to play on the beach with her
band of little children collected there -
Adm. My dear Ann - and my dear Brother
My heart is full of love & anxiety about you
ever faithfully & affectionately
your
J. P.