

May 21st - 1850

I received your letter joyfully My Dear Ann, which gave me the hope of seeing you and my dear Brother - and the little darling girls in a few weeks. I received the glad tidings to our Sisters in the afternoon, and am sure you would be gratified to know how much the anticipated pleasure was welcomed. Isabella was not with us, in her Mother's room it was her hour of suffering we heard her breathing thro' the closed door, but she could not hear ours, or partake of the conversation which ensued but we this the news has spread throughout the family - we have all so long desired to have you come that I hope there will nothing occur to disappoint us - Sally Wags expects to pass the month of June with her parents in Savannah, she came in just after your letter arrived, as she said to get a little encouragement for her undertaking, she felt so nervous at the thought of leaving home - I read aloud what you say on the same subject, and she afterwards stood on rather with a brighter & more composed countenance - she has a harder struggle, for she leaves her husband & children at home - but goes for her health & to see her Mother! -

with respect to your coming home to us, My
Dear Ann, I have only to say, come and try, if
you find we cannot make you comfortable
I promise that we will not object to your
lodging at Mrs Leach's - however unwilling we
should be to part with you - and to meet you
entirely at your ease on the subject, I shall
tell you exactly how we can accommodate
you, and you shall choose which will please
you best - to have your little daughters lodge
in your own apartment - a large front room
or give them to me, and take a smaller
one to yourselves - ^(in the 3rd story) Dear Ben knows my heart
wishes to have you all at home, in one home -
he knows too what you require, to make you
comfortable, and I will not rebelliously set
my wishes in opposition to yours - My friend
Julia Hoffman leaves us next week which
I regret, as she wishes much to see you and
I think you would like her - she is so intelligent
amiable & agreeable - in consequence of Charles
unfortunate Malady, she is unwilling to be
separated from her Brother George's family, and
will accompany them to Wiesbaden where in-
formation of Charles can easily be obtained -

I have not heard from Mary for some time, her
husband has been in N.Y. and I suppose she has
been journeying to him I had no other writing
time - perhaps I ought to have kept her school

give my best love to my dear Mother, and
believe me my dear Aunt your affectionate
expecting Sister Mary

There is so little probability now of Marys making
frequent visits to Phil^a that you may tell
our dear Aunt it is not worth while to take

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the trouble of sending her Prance here
the note