

Phil^a Oct 5th - 1857

It seems a very, very long time my dear Ann since I heard from you! I wrote to you soon after my arrival in Montreal some weeks ago, and hoped to find a letter here on my arrival. but I have been nearly two weeks at home and have determined to remind you how much I please you are with looking from me. I want to know something about you and my little darling ones, I want to know not only that you are well and enjoying this beautiful season, but what you are reading, what thinking about, and what the little girls are about. If I could conceive that there

was any particular subject
of interest within my reach I
would certainly tell it for you.
I found our Sisters & Brothers
well. Hyman was at Saratoga
when I passed down from Canada
but he objected to my stopping
as the company had gone
and the weather was cold.
I had not however reached
New York before a warm spell
of weather came on, and I en-
joyed four days intercourse
with our dear Becky very plea-
santly. She talked of you very
affectionately, indeed I believe
there was but one expression
of opinion in all the relations
with whom you made acquain-
tance last year, and that was
of warm and sincere attach-
ment. So tells me too that you
were enquired for by many
admirable friends at Saratoga.
You will be obliged to meet
me there next year, that we

instead of her usual visit
to Long Branch - I suppose
my dear Ben hears frequent
ly from Howard. I shall be
obliged to open a correspon-
dence with him or his wife
for I feel much interested in
their welfare - Grady Mears
told us in his last letter that
Howard was at St Louis, and
his father was expected.

One interest in that quarter
increases so rapidly that
we hardly realize its geo-
graphical distance - if it
were not for the peril of the
imperfect navigation it
would be nothing - but
until they are more careful
in their steam boats, it
seems much worse than
a trip across the Atlantic.

Walter Elliot is in hopeful
spirits about the return of
her son Henry - who is ad-
vised as on his homeward
bound voyage.