

April 20th

My Dear Ann

Horace told me he
had written to my brother,
and lest he should have
mentioned that I was indis-
posed and thereby occasioned
anxiety to my dear Bea, I came
to announce my self so much
relieved from the effects of a
severe cold, as to have resumed
my seat at the breakfast table
this morning. Missum Etting
is spending the Passover week
with us, so my confinement
to the house has not been
lonely, and the stormy exiles-
ment we are kept in by reason

days account of war and
the ravages of war - battles
either fought or anticipated
break in upon our quiet &
seems to unsaddle us for the
usual routine of domestic
life. I have daily thoughts
of your trial My dear Anna
coupled with anxieties for
our young nephews - engaged
in this fearful struggle
and so we get no private
letters from dear Minnie -
her surrounding dangers
occupy my mind very pain-
fully - I am happy to tell you
that Nathan has entirely re-
covered from his long dangerous
illness - tho' still only recovered

interesting to me, who find
my old friends brought into
active life around me, tho'
alas! most of them are like
voices from the tomb, I think
my dear Bea, will realize many
of the scenes & circumstances
related give him my dear
love, and say I have many tender
messages from his nieces in antici-
pation of the postponed happiness
of his visit. When he can leave
home without "dragging a length-
ened chain" assure him dear sister
I am not impatient, till it pleases
God, to send him with a quiet
mind. My love to the girls &
their brothers, I hope Bernard
arranges to spend much time
with you - Anne & Maria send
their love - see your affectionate
Uncle - R.B.