

Philadelphia April 28th

My Dear Anna,
I have got
your things completed and ready to be
dispatched, and if they are so fortunate
as to suit your taste I shall be much
gratified, respecting the dresses I feel
some apprehensions, for tho' of quite a
fashionable material this season, they
are not of as rich a texture as you usually
wear. as you eschew silk, I selected
Organdie muslin, which has the advan-
tage of being cool for summer wear
may be washed if required and I hope
will fit since you took so much trouble
as to have the measure sent. I hope
my dear sister you will let me know
candidly how you like ^{the} things altogether.
that I may have some data to go from
in future, when you give me the pri-
vilege of procuring things for you.

I have put in your box a little parcel
for my little niece sake, Howards' Danc-
ing, which please offer to her mother
with my love. The articles I sent to be

Dear Brother very soon to let him of my love & gratitude in the season
hine. You be my spoken word - one brother who shall that love -
in which the other family line is written - I know from all our needs
your favorable reports of their family - I am not be
this thing
Address
My Dear
Anna, ever
your affectionate
sister
Aunt

packed at the Milliners (for you
know they do not like to trust any one
else to put up their bonnets) are two
sealed up boxes containing child Mankella
& embroidery - & two packages (dresses).

How I should love to see you wear them.

I hope your visit to your son, may be a
most happy one - poor De Mores has another
trial to endure, in the death of his mother in
law, to whom he was much attached. Mrs
Bohe died on Monday last at her son's in
Washington. My last letter from Mary told
me that Mr Riggs would sail this day
on the steamer for California - and ^{we} must
have hurried on without stopping as we
did not see him - he does not expect to
be three months absent and hopes Mrs
- formerly Blair will be able to return with
him - I am very glad to hear of Ephraim's
recovery, it must be a great gratification
to their parents to have James' name
perpetuated - poor fellow, I can hardly realize
that he has so soon passed away.

The many dreadful disasters at sea, and
on our coast make me sorrowful when I
hear of any one I care for, going a voyage

dicted to know that would be done to a while
man needed the same success. I
see the trial of the Woods of Louisville is
going on - what a wretched families they have
been, badly run and likely to bring down
their parents heads with sorrow to the grave.

The Passover has ended in comfort and with
grateful feelings for the blessings of the year.
Sister Hays spent the seventh day with us.
She had received an affectionate message
from you thro' Josephine and returned ^{thanks} an abundance
of love in return. Julia Hoffman too sends
a very grateful remembrance to both my brother
and you. She is very desirous of meeting you face
to face, tho' she fears herself an old acquaintance
& friend. She is going to spend the summer
with her brother George, at Worchonessco - his family
go up on Monday but I hope to retain Julia a
month later. The spring is so backward - at least
we have had such cold weather - and recent
snow, (a part of which still lies in our yard) that
we do not realize it is so late in April. My man
has entirely recovered & he was long without so
I found him suffering with violent head ache
the effects of a sleepless night. I send my best
love to my darling nieces. Miss Ann must write
me an account of her travels and a description
of her nieces & nephews. How grateful she would be
to those young folks. I will write to my dear