

My Darling Girls

I have a thousand
thanks to send for the
many news your letters
contained, and rejoice with
you on the safe return of
our dear Bernard. My
heart is full of gratitude
for your dear Father's joy
in again clasping his most
beloved son after such a
painful separation. Both
having suffered so much in
the interval - I am shocked
to hear of the desolation that
have marked the progress of

The rebels in Kentucky
among whom were found
so many of her degenerate
sons - so many too who have
dishonored high & respected
names - our times are indeed
sadly out of joint. but
we may trust there are
yet enough noble ones to set it
right." The object of these hasty
lines is to enquire if you have
suffered from any domestic
loss - or are deprived of the
means of supplying for winter
use any thing I can send
from here - either for your selves
or servants I trust interference
will suffer no further interruption

believe me my precious
Mamma & Anna, most
gratefully & affectionately
your loving Aunt
Elizabeth

Tell your Father, that Mamma
has a situation in the N. Y.
Despatch Office. Which I hope
will be productive of moral
enlightenment to him.

Phil. Oct. 31st - 1862