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I am sure & your Uncle send there love - Uncle Joe will
write us you left him -

Phil^a Aug. 8th 1852

Thank you, a thousand times
I thank you my Dearest Cousin for
the pleasure your letter gave me -

It was very kind in you to relieve our
anxiety about your safety on your
journey. in these times of excitement
about frightful Steam boat accidents
and the dangers all travellers are exposed
to from the reckless and wicked indifference
to human suffering practiced on all our
waters by Captains & other officers of
Steam boats. I hope the penalties imposed
on those who sacrificed so many valuable
lives in the Henry Clay will be followed
up in every similar case. Two years ago
when we were at Saratoga Mrs DeWint
came to see us, and brought us a book she
had edited. The Correspondence of her
Mother & Uncle John & Adams. written in
France & England. When their Father
was our Minister abroad. The good lady
was full of lively zeal & pride for them

and some vanity of her own poetical
pretensions. but she was a valuable woman
a good mother and kind neighbour. she
was one of the victims. having embarked
with a party of six. only three of whom were
saved. her son-in-law & a lovely young woman
perished with her.

I conclude that Hyman did not overtake
you on your rapid journey but hope he
reached home well. I feel so grateful to
both of you, for the affectionate kindness
that brought you, and convinced itself during
your most gratifying visit. Sara too blames
you for the pleasure you gave her. she is
now with her husband & children at Lake
May. she first took them to a Mountain
House in the neighbourhood of Montreal
but the child grew worse & they were obliged
to return home, the Dr. recommended sea-air
and so they are at the Cape, where they
saw Mary Riggs & her children - so I expect to
see them both, when the season is over.

I am charmed with your account of
your little sisters, they are rare children
indeed. both characters, lovely in contrast
the precocious intelligence & dignity of Minnie

sickness - The Aunt Marys send love to
you all - Rosa is here next week her sister
& family are expected - I had a letter from
Siggie Lee, whom Mair & Betty have gone to
Miss Buchanan - She was glad to receive news of
you - to your beloved father, and all his chil
dren I send my dear love - Tell my sister Ann
I shall write to her very soon - send my dear
love believe me always your most affectionate
& loving Aunt R. Gray



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Mr. Cary Gray
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My dear
to
May
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