

Phil^d Nov^r 13th - 1854

My Dear Ann,

We have been looking for the arrival of our Dear Ben for several days past - and I begin to fear that his recovery from his recent attack was not so complete as your last letter indicated -

unless he has taken St Louis in his way and will make his first visit to Leary. Susan was greatly in hopes of seeing her Uncle - and her husband was so desirous of making his acquaintance, that had there been any certain period fixed for his arrival I think he might have been induced to prolong his stay - They left on the 1st Inst. our southern friends are generally on the wing now - since it has been proclaimed that they may return with safety to their deserted homes.

Mary Pegg's paid a short visit here she is looking very well & very handsome

my last accounts from Tata was more encouraging. she tells me she is much better, but there is a sadness proceeding her letters that show her heart is stricken with a deep & heavy sorrow, I hope when she gets stronger she will be able to overcome it if the season would permit a journey would be the best means of effecting it. You have heard that we have Grady Moses' little daughter Mary with us, she is a very lively intelligent child, so affectionate & amiable that it is a pleasure to take care of her -

Our Nieces Isabella & Murren Elting & Henry have passed through a severe trial this week - they have broken up housekeeping - Isabella has gone to live with her Brother Ben - & Murren & Henry to lodgings - Henry is in daily expectation of orders for sea, and has taken this step because his duties were too much of invalids to manage without him. and the expenses of his establishment were beyond his means -

To morrow he offers his Horse &
Furniture for sale. I hope when
this painful business is concluded
he will be able to nurse himself for
a little while before he is sent abroad.
Our sister Mary continues to enjoy health.
I believe she has written to you her-
self she is always so gratified by your
letters that she is disposed to make an
effort to record her feelings of grateful
affection - I observe by the papers, that
the removal you mentioned has taken
place and honors to the Brave have
been duly paid as Cane wood has passed
out of the possession of the family, it was
no longer a matter of feeling to measure
the cemetery there yet one has an
uncomfortable feeling at having the
sanctuary of the dead disturbed -

I hope your dear little Daughters are
well, you say less about them in your last
letter than I like. I am sure they are well
employed, & will do credit to their teacher.
I have sent little Mary to school. She is
very anxious to go. but poor child, finally

it hard to study - I have not yet
seen the Macabsters - but shall go as
soon as I conveniently can - but one brother's
illness has taken from me all inclination
or power of entertaining my friends -
and the chances are small of meeting at
morning calls - he is very weak and is
almost all day in bed - tho' he comes down
in the morning for a short time and
his spirits are bad - but he seems to
look forward with pleasure for Bron's
visit. Give our united love to him
and embrace the dear children for
me - like them I think they will love
their little Cousin, who is trying to learn
to read - and is so fond of hearing stories
told that I think she will love books
when she knows how to entertain herself
with them. My love to Bernard & my near
fare well My dear Ann, believe me
ever most affectionately yours Sister
R. L.