

Richmond Jan^y 1854

My dear William

Your affectionate letter dated 2nd of January we received on the 1st it was opened at Tom's of course, it may have got there a day or two before we got it, we were very glad to hear you got safe home and found all well. I am thankful to say I feel much better than when you left me, Isreal sent up some Wine, and some Tanning. I am making use of both of them, and I feel much stronger, tho' I am not able to do any work, but sewing, but I can ^{walk} with more ease. on Tuesday your Brother Joseph came home, he as been trying to sell one of his Houses, the one he lived in here, the man is to get it in April next, and to pay him then 400 dollars, which Joseph says is about all that he will get out of it after the Mortgage &c, is paid, he sold it for 13th hundred dollars, Jos^s says he expected you would have bin to see him on your Return home, we told him you would be glad to do so, but you could get back by bin in. ~~then~~ with less expence, they were all well, when he left, he is quite tired of keeping boarders, and as soon as he can do better, he will give them up, and live more to themselves, when Victoria pays us a nother Visit she must stay longer, if we sell the Farm and we live as long, I hope we shall be in the Town, where she can enjoy herself better. I hope Mary and the little girls will come in the Spring to see us, give our love to Joe & Willy tell them we hope to see them here this Summer, you say in your

Letter you have some thought whether Sammay will be home sick if you
think he will be contented, we shall be glad to have him come
I must close I feel tired as I have not wrote so much for some time
Father and Ann unites with me in dear love to you Mary
and all your dear children. Be sure to let us hear from you soon,

Your Affectionate
Mother

Ann Howells



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